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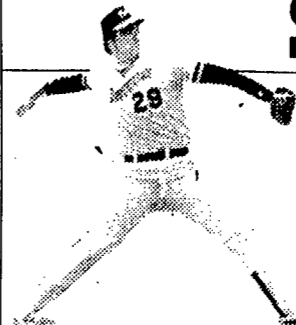
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Reorganization Board okays Cabinet changes

With the creation of the position and title change to Vice President/Director of the Center for Applied Research for Dr. Robert Bush, and the establishment of the Office of Development and Alumni Services, headed by Director Charles Veatch and Associate Director Rollie Stadman, Northwest's administrative structure has been reorganized as the result of those changes.

That reorganization was presented to the Board of Regents on March 21 and approved.

At issue were the changes in areas of direct responsibility for President Dean L. Hubbard and members of the President's Cabinet, which includes Dr. Bush, former vice president for Environmental Development; Dr. George English, vice president for Academic Affairs; Dr. John Mees, vice president for Administrative and Student Services; Warren Gose, vice president for Finance; and Robert Henry, Public Relations Officer.

Under the reorganization, the Office of Admissions and Financial Aids and Office of Development and Alumni Services will report directly to Hubbard. Veatch has headed the Office of Admissions and Financial Aids, and the university will soon seek someone to head that office.

Because Dr. Bush has been placed in an entirely new position, those areas he had been supervising were shifted elsewhere in the reorganization. Those changes included many areas moved under the vice president for Administrative and Student Services, including the Physical Plant, to which Grounds and Custodial and Technical Services will report. Campus Safety was also moved under Administrative and Student Services.

The Northwest Missouri Educational Purchasing Cooperative and the university Central Stores has been moved within the area of supervision of the Vice President for Finance and Directly under the Office of Purchasing.

Other areas formerly supervised by Dr. Bush include the Mail Room, shifted to the area of Finance and directly under accounting and the Copy Center moved under the Public Relations Officer.

Northwest's Vice President for Academic Affairs has had his areas of responsibility increased by the reorganization. The Counseling Center will report directly to the College of Education. In addition, Broadcast Services, formerly supervised by the Public Relations Officer, has been moved into the Academic area under the Dean of the School of Mass Communications.

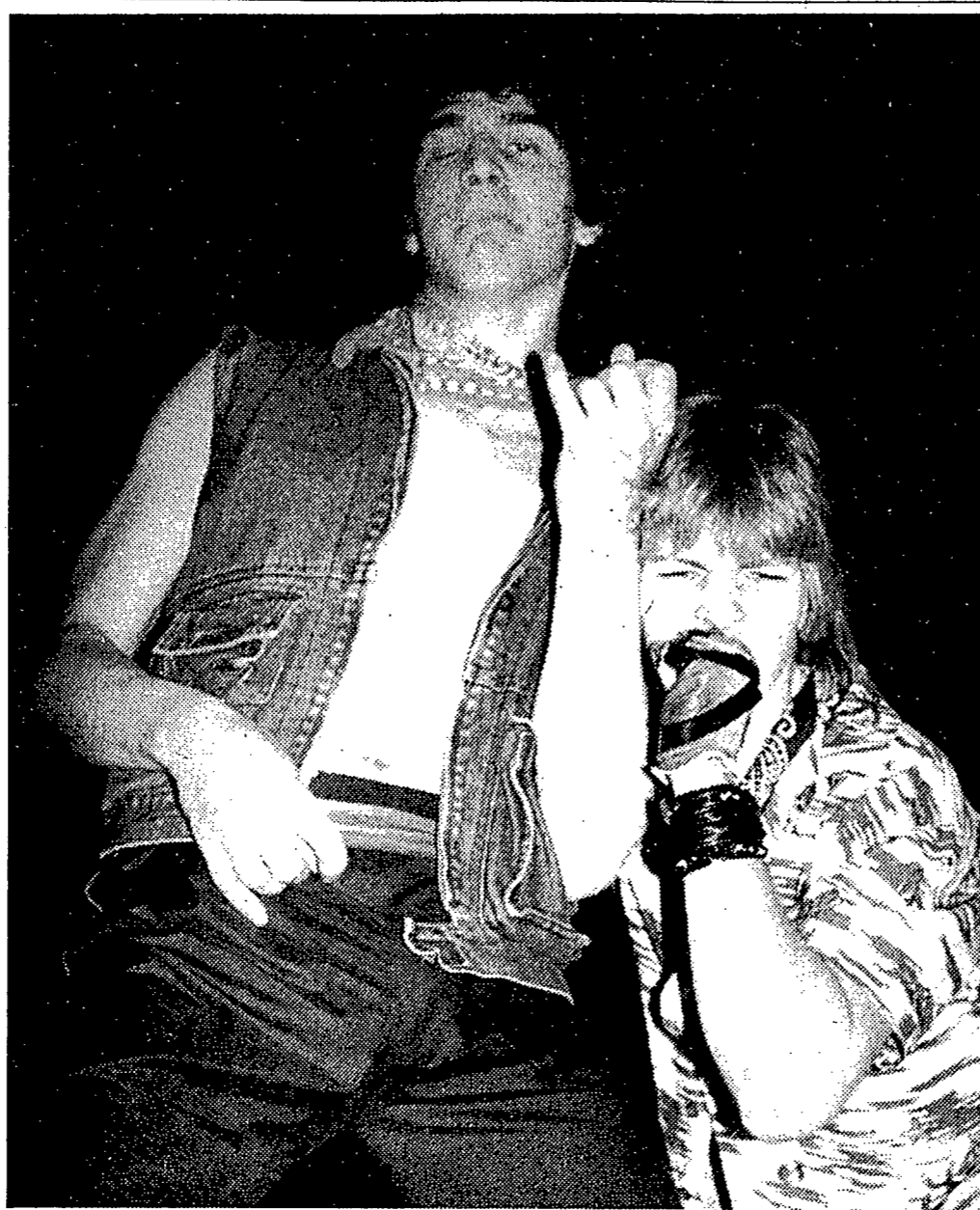


Photo by Ken Scribner

Hard rock

AIR ROCK '85 took to the stage again on March 21 in Lamkin Gym. The event, sponsored by the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, is held annually. VanHalen lip-synched rock the crowd during the culmination of the evening's events.

Owens Library to install fully automated system

BY BARRY DACHROEDEN
Copy editor

To help place Northwest's B.D. Owens Library at the "forefront of the development of automated library services in the state," the Board of Regents last week voted to approve a \$100,219 contract with Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) for software and some hardware systems.

Funds will be obtained from the 1985-86 fiscal year budget, which is still being discussed in the Missouri General Assembly. The money is not part of the almost \$300,000 being allotted for "library acquisitions" next year.

Library Director Nancy Hanks said, "No school in Missouri is automated to the extent that ours will be soon." She added that the system has been discussed for a few years, and that the one at University of Missouri-Columbia was not as advanced.

Hanks said most of the prospective bidders for the university's contract had little expertise in the library area. She added that Northwest was fortunate to award the contract to OCLC of Ohio because they are "one of the most respected companies in the field. We are fortunate their vision of automated library systems coincides with ours."

The system is designed to provide increased access to collections in the library, Hanks said. Fourteen terminals, separate from the existing units and spaced over all three floors, will be connected to the main computer, which houses card information. She added that cards for books in the library since 1976 are already on tape because of the university's association with OCLC since then. Also, periodicals, government documents and audio-visual materials should be online by January 1986, Hanks said.

The computer system has been described as "user friendly," and will ask the patron questions to help him or her use the system effectively. The new system would allow users to search for a book by author, title or subject. Also, users would be able to do a keyword search by identifying specific words in a title or subject, and the computer would retrieve all catalog items that contained those words.

Hanks said a central computer databank would allow library collections to be updated daily. Also, the system lets patrons discover electronically if one item is checked out, in the bindery, or on a shelving cart rather than the shelf. She said this would save searching for something that isn't where one would expect to find it.

Each item in the catalog will have a bar code for quick checkout, similar to the ones used in supermarkets for pricing goods. Student ID cards have magnetic strips which can be handled by new barcode readers to identify borrowers, and fines would also be discovered in this same system.

Hanks said inter-library loans will also be easier through the new system, and the library's computerized data can be made available to other schools for a charge.

AROUND THE GLOBE

G.E. indicted for overbilling Pentagon

PHILADELPHIA--General Electric Co. was indicted Tuesday for overbilling the Pentagon, the second defense contractor stung this month.

G.E., the nation's fourth largest defense contractor, could face fines of more than \$1 million if convicted on all 108 counts of overbilling the government \$108,000 for a nuclear warhead system.

On March 5, the Pentagon suspended payments of \$40 million to the nation's biggest defense contractor, General Dynamics, pending billing reviews. No criminal charges have been filed.

Farmers receive \$300 million in loans

WASHINGTON--Faced with pleas from farmers who say they can't pay for spring planting, the Reagan administration Tuesday coughed up \$300 million more for loans, according to USA Today.

The money will be forwarded to the Farmers Home Administration, said Agriculture Department Undersecretary Frank Naylor.

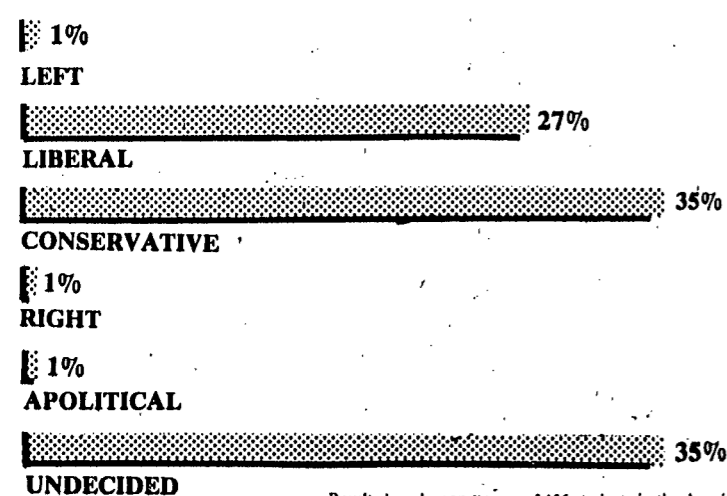
Goetz changes mind over testimony

NEW YORK--The case of Bernard Goetz took another twist Wednesday as the accused gunman was indicted by a second jury.

Goetz had walked off without testifying after coming to the grand jury door. After weeks of publicity over whether he would reveal his version of shooting four youths on a subway--and a promise he would testify Tuesday--he suddenly changed his mind over immunity.

ON THE SURFACE

Northwest students cite political attitude



COVER STORY: Agriculture

Suffering from major setbacks

BY STACEY PORTERFIELD
Staff writer

The American farmer has been besieged with a variety of problems that make it seem almost impossible, in many cases, to make a living at farming. Actually the farm problem involves combination of problems. Some of these problems include such things as high interest rates, large debts and foreign competition.

"One problem farmers are facing is simply a change in the economy from the 1970's to the 1980's," said Jan Dauve, assistant professor of agriculture at Northwest. "There is a deflation of asset values which kills any borrowing power that the farmers might have had."

This change in the economy has effected mainly those farmers who have been borrowing money.

During the 1970's, farmers were encouraged to buy new equipment and land. Farmers borrowed money to make some of these purchases.

"A lot of farmers, when times were good, bought expensive machinery when they probably could have gotten by on equipment that cost less," said Dr. Harold Brown, associate professor of agriculture at Northwest. "Now, they can't make the payments on that equipment. Also, about the same time they were buying new equipment, farmers were buying expensive land and now they can't turn around and sell it for what they bought it for."

The high interest rates on loans have caused many problems for farmers. Some farmers are faced with the problem of still paying for old equipment that needs to be replaced with new equipment, which is often more expensive than the original equipment was. With agriculture prices at a low and



Photo by Dennis Nowatzke

"THESE CROSSES REPRESENT the disappearance of farm families and businesses lost to Nodaway County during the past year. Only united community action now can save our rural communities," reads a sign near the crosses, which have become a nationwide symbol for the disappearance of farms.

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Farm foreclosures only part of problem

BY G.T. KELING
Managing editor

It is a frantic call on the 911 hotline that a farmer's land has just been foreclosed and is leaving for the bank with his rifle.

It is the father of seven in his 40s who, under extreme financial and emotional pressures, went to the barn and shot himself in the head.

It is the growing number of divorces, mental hospital enrollments and child abuse cases among American family farmers.

It is the story being heard everywhere by everyone. Today's farmers are hearing it and living it more often than anyone else, Hubert Null, commodities broker, said. High interest rates, low prices, bad weather and a high priced dollar are several of the main reasons area agriculturalists are giving for the growing suffering being felt by farmers.

Thirty-six white crosses planted in the lawn of the Nodaway County Courthouse symbolize the day by day growing number of farm foreclosures in the county. This is a stark

reminder of the reality of the agriculture situation, Null said.

A two-year-long drought in the Sun Belt has been slated as a substantial cause of problems. Nearly 700,000 commercial farmers are feeling debt problems after low yields in 1982 and '83. The 1984 yield was the third largest in history, but it wasn't enough to bring farmers out of a two year slump. Still another 30,000 farmers are expected to leave the business this spring as money becomes more of a scarcity, according to federal reports and predic-

tions. President Reagan quickly vetoed a Senate farm measure earlier this month. The measure would have provided \$100 million to subsidize interest rates for over-extended farmers and \$1.85 billion in loan guarantees. Reagan's reasoning behind it was, "I am anxious to veto something," according to USA Today.

Local farmers have not been left behind by the rest of the country as they begin to feel the pinch. High in-

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HEADLINE AHEAD: Many students choose alternatives to dorm life

AROUND THE TOWER

Marketing association to tour businesses

The American Marketing Association will be touring several businesses in the Kansas City area on April 9. The trip is sponsored by the Kansas City chapter of AMA and it will include tours of Hallmark, St. Lukes Hospital, Colin & Co., United Telephone and Proctor and Gamble.

Vaccaro receives marketing position

Vinnie Vaccaro, executive secretary for alumni relations, has accepted a position as a marketing representative at Kansas City Power and Light. He'll begin his new position in April. A 1972 graduate of Northwest, he has been director of the University's alumni office since 1977.

Meeting for staff and student discussion

An open meeting for all support staff and student workers interested will be held at 3 p.m., April 4, in room 334, Colden Hall. Barbara Oats, chairman of the master plan sub-committee on personnel, said topics will include dismissal policies, grievance procedure, student labor, salary and benefits, in service development evaluation and workload distribution.

Tower Queen Candidate nominations

Nominations for Tower Queen Candidates will be due at 3 p.m., April 16. The Tower Dance is scheduled for May 1.

Faculty features musical theatre

A diversity of musical theatre styles will be represented from operetta through musical comedy to opera in "An Evening of Musical Theatre" at 8 p.m., Tues., April 2 in the Charles Johnson Theatre. It will be directed by Dr. Patricia Bowers Schultz. Also involved in the production will be Richard Weymuth, Byron Mitchell, Peggy Ann Bush, Dr. Jane Butters, and Dr. Richard Bobo, members of the music faculty.

Few changes made in fall schedule

Some changes have been made in the fall schedule. Additions to the schedule are Humanities: The Eastern World, 9-9:50 on Mon. Wed. and Fri. The course number is 26-104-81 and will count toward the humanities credit. The other addition is Foreign Language Study in Chinese, 2-3:15 on Tues. and Thurs. The course number is 14-250-01 and the course will not count toward a foreign language credit. Both courses will be taught by Dr. Bradley Geisert.

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE 1985 SPRING SEMESTER

Final Exams begin at 7:30 a.m., May 6 and end at 6:00 p.m., May 10

Classes meeting for the first time in the week:

	Date and hour of final examination:
8:00 Monday	Monday, May 6, 7:30 a.m.
10:00 Tuesday	10:00 a.m.
1:00 Tuesday	1:00 p.m.
11:00 Monday	3:30 p.m.
History 155	7:00 p.m.

12:00 Monday	Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 a.m.
11:00 Tuesday	10:00 a.m.
10:00 Monday	1:00 p.m.
12:00 Tuesday	3:30 p.m.
Biology 102	7:00 p.m.

9:00 Monday	Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 a.m.
Chemistry 113, 115, 117	10:00 a.m.
2:00 Tuesday	1:00 p.m.
3:00 Monday	3:30 p.m.
Speech 102	7:00 p.m.

Government 102	Thursday, May 9, 7:30 a.m.
1:00 Monday	10:00 a.m.
4:00 Monday	1:00 p.m.
9:00 Tuesday	3:30 p.m.
Computer Science 130, 230, 240	7:00 p.m.

8:00 Tuesday	Friday, May 10, 7:30 a.m.
10:00 Monday	10:00 a.m.
4:00 Tuesday	1:00 p.m.
3:00 Tuesday	3:30 p.m.

NIGHT CLASSES WILL TEST ON THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED NIGHT DURING FINAL EXAM WEEK, OR AT AN ARRANGED TIME APPROVED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS. THE FACULTY HANDBOOK (VII-1) REQUIRES ALL FACULTY TO FOLLOW THE FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE.

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History 155	May 6, 7:00 p.m.
Biology 102	May 7, 7:00 p.m.
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debts high, farmers can't find ways to refinance their farming projects. High dollar values are a big problem for all farmers.

Competition from other countries is another problem faced by farmers. This competition has served to bring the prices down for the American farmer.

The competition within the area of agriculture itself has caused problems for farmers.

"Agriculture is the most competitive industry in the U.S. in terms of economic theory," said Dauve. "Which puts farmers at a disadvantage when it comes to selling output, buying input and raising capital to influence political decisions. Also, what is a problem for one section of agriculture may be a bonus for another section. For example, low corn prices provide cheap feed for cattle."

Many farmers aren't happy with the way the government is handling agriculture problems.

"I don't think we've hit rock bottom yet," said Bob Sullivan, who recently lost his Iowa farm to the banks. "I feel we basically have a good farm program, but I think it has been mismanaged. Every business needs long-range goals and that's impossible when changes are made from one extreme to the other from year to year. As a nation, we're all screwed up. We've got billions for defense but little for agriculture."

Many people have reservations on how much the new government programs will help the farmer.

"The administration wants to lower both price and income supports with the idea that this will increase exports," said Dauve. "Unfortunately, they would have to cut these almost in half in order to offset the change in the dollar."

According to a recent article in *Time* magazine, the heavily subsidized Midwest farmers have suffered the most because of particularly low prices on wheat, corn and soybeans. Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas are possibly the worst hit states in the nation.

"All you have to do is drive through the country side to see that there is a problem," said Sullivan. "Feedlots and farm buildings are empty and farmers are plowing up every scrap of land possible."

The problems are plain to see, but the answers appear to be more elusive.

Missouri farmers encounter extra problems

BY STACEY PORTERFIELD
Staff writer

Missouri farmers, like other farmers throughout the U.S., have been hit with high interest rates, low prices, foreign competition and various government programs. But Missouri farmers have encountered some extra problems that farmers in other states haven't. These extra problems involve the weather. Poor weather conditions have been the main cause of crop failures in Missouri over the last few years.

"Nationally, there were good crops this year and that caused prices to be low," said Dr. Harold Brown, associate professor of agriculture at Northwest. "That wasn't the case in this area, however. One of the biggest causes for farm problems in this area is that four of the last five years have brought droughts that hurt crops."

Last year, farmers were faced with a season that began with flooding and ended with drought. It took only three days of excessive rain, flooding and high winds to have many areas of Missouri declared disaster areas at the beginning of the summer. By the end of the summer, however, it was a lack of rain that finished off any hopes for a good year.

"It's hard to plan for a business when 50 percent of what affects production is out of your hands," said Jan Dauve, assistant professor of agriculture at Northwest. "And farmers can't control the weather."

The outlook for the future of Missouri farmers is bleak. It appears doubtful that farmers will make any profits in the next couple of years

unless something extraordinary happens.

For some farmers, one more bad year is all it will take to close down operations. Many farmers have already been forced to leave the farm.

Farmers are becoming frustrated and some see themselves as failures. According to a recent article in *Time* magazine, some evidence can be found that the number of suicides among farmers has increased. In 1982, the number of suicides among Missouri farmers reached 47 and that number reached 59 the next year.

However, many Missouri farmers are trying to look to the future with optimism.

"For those who can survive, I think it will definitely turn upwards," said Brown. "But it will probably take some time to get back to the position they were once in."

Many agriculture students at Northwest are steadfast in their beliefs in agriculture.

"It's a way of life," said student Susan Hicks. "I think there will be more foreclosures. But people need agriculture to survive. I think it has to get better."

Many feel that agriculture is going through a period of change and that agriculture problems will work themselves out eventually.

"I was raised on a farm and I'm interested in going back into farming," said student Mark Laughery. "Farming is always going to be there because people have to eat."

Many agree that it is going to be hard for new farmers to begin setting up farm operations over the next few

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terest rates and low grain prices have given many no choice but to take out more loans, which they fear they can't begin to repay for years.

"A root cause of the problem is that farmers do not right the problem on their own," Null said. "So they keep getting further in debt and the bankers just keep lending them money, pushing them (farmers) in deeper."

Prices being given for grain aren't meeting production costs, Dr. Gerald Brown, professor of agriculture, said. Due to depreciation of the dollar price of grain when it is sold to foreign markets, farmers across the country lose out on billions of dollars. Grain bought from farmers at \$3.50 per bushel, for example, can be sold to foreign markets for twice that amount. And farmers never see any of the depreciation costs gained by the seller.

A four year average of parity prices, the cost relationship of production compared to prices received, from 1980-84 showed lower prices than averages during 1930-34, Big Depression years. The '30s prices were considered the lowest ever.

Northwest students agreed with experts as to causes of the problem. Many stood by high interest rates, low prices, bad weather and a high

priced dollar as the root causes. They said farmers need to become more organized and show the federal government exactly how bad off they are. Several felt the federal government isn't playing too much of a role in agriculture but some programs need to be changed.

"The prices are really hurting farmers," Keith Moore, senior, said. "If farmers were more organized in a union type way, they could help themselves and show the government what they mean."

"A lack of money all around is really the main problem," Kevin Fugate, senior, said. "Farmers are so far in debt they can't get out. It isn't that the federal government won't help them and they aren't playing too much of a role in agriculture, they just need to change a few programs around."

Despite heavy problems on today's farmers' shoulders, many agriculturalists are predicting another substantial crop for this year. Brown is predicting a large wheat supply with production near 4 billion bushels. He predicts corn supplies up more than 8.2 billion bushels with large soybean and cotton crops also. And he also said that livestock producers should see a profit in '85.

cost. Therefore, someone coming in in a year or two might be in a better position to start farming than those who have started over the last 10 years.

Some feel that getting young people involved in agriculture could be a big help in pulling U.S. agriculture back up where it belongs.

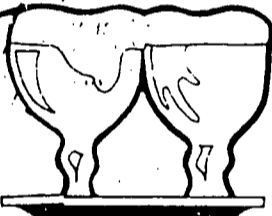
"I think that if we get more young farmers started it will help," said Laughery. "They could bring in new ideas and get farming back on its feet."

It seems that even the weather can't totally discourage farmers or future farmers.

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The Topic:
FARM CRISIS

This week's topic includes our editorial on the farm crisis, two guest columns from a member of the economics department and the agriculture department, an editorial cartoon and our 'In Your Opinion' section. 'Letters' are also included on this page.

A personal stake

She glanced out the back window. Her eyes viewed the rolling hills beyond. Her eyes took in the sandbox where she had played as a child.

A small tear slid unheeded down her cheek. The plans she made had gone astray.

Silently, work-hewn arms encompassed her. "It's time to go, everyone's waiting," her husband said.

Brushing aside the tears, she glanced out the front door. Cars lined the lane and road. He opened the door and they walked out.

Friends and neighbors exchanged nervous glances. How hard it must be.

"Sold!"

The word reverberated in their ears. Work-worn hands shook, worry-burdened shoulders drooped. Husband, wife, children held each other close. Tears fell unheeded. Everything they loved, worked for and dreamed of was gone. The bank took it all. All except themselves. That was the one thing no one could take away.

EDITORIAL

Few people realize the kinship a farmer has with his farm.

Farming is not a 9 to 5 job, nor does a farmer leave his workplace to go home to relax. Rather, a short walk on a path from barn to house would suffice. A path so well worn from use that it could tell stories.

Stories of early morning chores in sub-zero, blizzard-like conditions to 100 plus degrees with no rain in sight. Or of the times one had to be nursemaid to a sick animal or play doctor for "mama cow" with that prize winning calf.

Farmers are more than just "farmers." They are accountants, chemists, doctors and consumers. More importantly they are a prime source of never-ending inspiration, gutsy dedication and spiritual guidance.

Yet farmers, no matter how gloomy the future looks, have an inner strength that won't quit. How can you describe the feeling. The feeling that is gained from working one with one-man with soil.

When you say farm, you don't mean just the land or a piece of paper stating ownership.

"The land is just as much a part of our lives as our children," Bob Sullivan said in a recent talk with agricultural students here. Sullivan, along with his wife, Theresa, stressed that no man can describe the feeling that a farmer feels for his land.

"Next to our children we love the land," Sullivan said. "We've nurtured it, watched it grow and protected it from harm," Sullivan said. "When it's taken away from you, it's like someone dying. The loss is unbearable."

The anger, frustration and pain soon pass only to be replaced by self-doubts, questions and if-only's. The loss is not replaced easily.

How does one tell a farmer who's been farming for over 50 years that all he has left is a house and 15 acres? A man who learned farming from his father. A man too old to learn a new trade that he doesn't qualify for welfare because his assets are too great.

How can government be so heartless to the plight of the farmers--farmers, who for generations, made our country great? How can government spend billions of dollars to build machines whose only purpose is to destroy life? How can they ignore the one business that can feed the world and still have excess?

How can American farmers survive? It's not with a president whose idea of eliminating the farm crisis is to export the farmers, not the products. Reagan's only regret over this comment was that he didn't get a laugh.

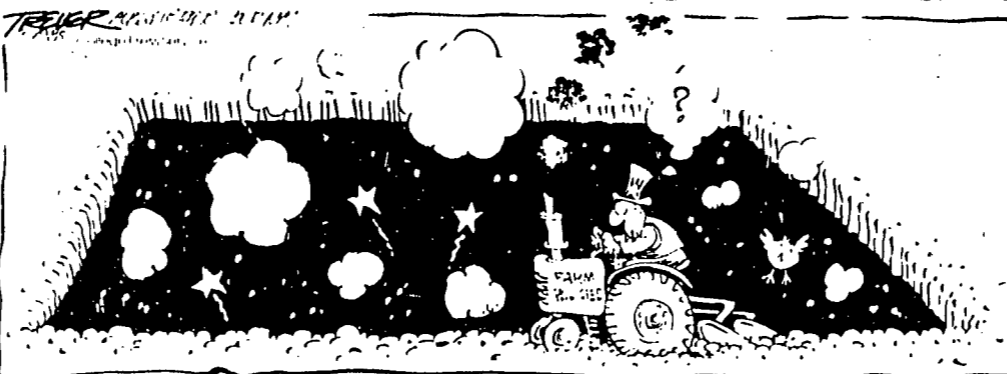
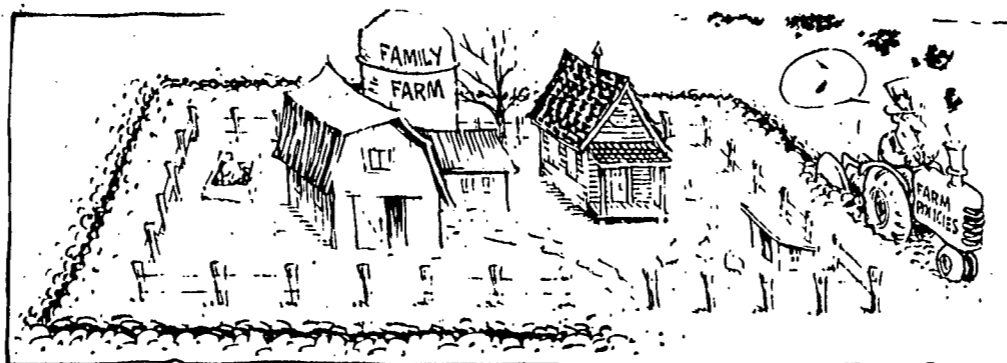
Callous? Unemotional? "They're concerned with numbers," Sullivan said. "We're concerned with individuals."

If our government is so intent on money, why did they help Chrysler? Wouldn't it have been just as easy to act the same toward Chrysler as they are now? Aren't farmers worth the risk?

Apparently not. Why else would court house lawns be dotted with white crosses symbolizing failed family farms and other agricultural businesses?

Will government allow this to continue? Only if we "individuals," let it. It's time to voice our opinions. It's time for the pain to end. The future of the rural community is at stake.

Can we sit idly by and watch government tell a child that "Daddy can't farm anymore?"



Farm crisis hurts economy

DR. MARK JELAVICH an Assistant Professor of Economics at Northwest.

In the past month, both the U.S. Congress and the Missouri legislature have debated bills that would have provided financial assistance to the farming sector. In turn, the drama of farm foreclosures, rural bank collapses, and dying farm communities has been played to the public in television, newspapers, and even movies. Some commentators have likened the agricultural malaise to conditions in the Great Depression of the 1930s.

In 1984, proprietor net farm income (or profit) amounted to \$28.3 billion, or less than one percent of all U.S. income, although total farm employment (including farmers and farm workers) amounted to 3.2 percent of total U.S. employment in December, 1984. However, proprietor income actually rose from \$13.8 billion in 1983. If farming appears to be more profitable, what is the cause of the panic?

The "farm problem" has two time dimensions: a short-term and a long-term one. The short-term phenomena that have contributed to the current situation include high interest rates (increasing the cost of operating a farm) and a high foreign exchange rate (that has driven up the price of and reduced the volume of U.S. agricultural exports). The long term problem is that the supply of agricultural products has historically grown much faster than the demand for such products, driving down the price of farm commodities. This results in the size of farms having to increase (to maintain income) and the total number of farms declining.

The U.S. government classifies a person as a farmer if he or she sells at least \$1000 worth of agricultural products in a year. As such, many "farms" are small, part time operations. Finan-

cial studies indicate that large farms (with gross receipts exceeding \$500 thousand) are doing generally well. It is the moderate-sized "family" farm that appears to be hardest hit in the current crisis. Indeed, some analysts assert that as many as one-quarter to one-third of all farms are in some state of serious financial distress.

The impact of the farming sector's problems on the rest of the economy, especially farm supplies, is pronounced. Farm equipment manufacturers have been badly hurt: as of November 1984, they were producing at only 75 percent of 1967 levels, resulting in substantial layoffs and plant shutdowns. A University of Missouri study estimated that in the Midwest, every three farmers support two other workers in the local economy (e.g., in retail). As such, as the number of farmers declines, retail and other local businesses will be forced to close, and rural areas and towns will lose jobs and population.

Two other sectors affected by farming include the banking and export sectors. Many small, rural-based banks have found themselves in financial peril, and several have collapsed, because their "portfolios" contained many delinquent farm loans. Some farmers, in turn, will be forced out of business by lenders unwilling to extend additional credit. On the export side, the high value of the American dollar has meant that American farm exports have become expensive relative to other nations' exports; American farmers are finding themselves "priced out" of the market. Furthermore, we are facing increased competition in wheat production (especially from Australia and Argentina) and in soybean production (especially from Brazil). Since agricultural exports accounted for 18 percent of all 1983 U.S. exports, weakening in the farm sector will have dire consequences for the U.S. balance of trade.

Farm crisis spells trouble for American farmers

DR. GERALD BROWN is the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences at Northwest.

Our attention is called daily by the newspaper, radio and television to the problems in agriculture. It is very difficult to understand this problem if you are not directly involved. It is especially difficult for urban residents to really grasp the enormity of the farm crisis. Will they be affected by empty grocery store shelves? This event is most unlikely to occur.

Is there a farm crisis? President Reagan just vetoed an emergency credit bill pushed through Congress, saying it was a budget buster and it was too late anyway to help the farmers. Mr. David Stockman indicates that farmers are poor managers and must be weeded out. Former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz says the farmer is not in financial trouble; in fact, most farmers are not even in debt. The head of the American Farm Bureau, the largest farm organization that supposedly represents the farmer, says there is no farm crisis. Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole indicates that the administrative farm bill would help those with a chance to succeed, but those inefficient ones would have to go. Harold Breimeyer, an agricultural economist, estimates half of the farmers are in jeopardy in the state of Missouri. It is quite confusing when so many different people have different views of the agriculture situation.

Let us put aside for the moment all rhetorical statements from politicians and insensitive and uninformed leaders concerning the agriculture situation. Let's ex-

amine a few facts which in my opinion have contributed to a farm crisis.

The parity index of prices received by farmers over many years is the cost relationship of agriculture production compared to prices received. The parity index in 1930-1934 is considered the low point of agriculture in the United States; they were indeed the worst years in history. Parity during 1975-1984 was actually lower than the average for 1930-1934 and indeed the parity index from 1980-1984 was considerably lower than that of 1930-1934. What we are experiencing now is indeed the low point or the worst years in history for the farmer. Presently a bushel of corn sells for less than it did in 1940. I ask you if you would indeed like to have wages paid in 1940 relative to your present-day wage?

We must add further to the agriculture woes in that the government has used food as a weapon on the international scale. Three boycotts of exports have taken their toll on export consumers. The American farmer must export some of his production--\$30-40 billion per year. If you were a foreign country buying an agriculture product from this country and three times that supply has been interrupted, wouldn't you look elsewhere for a stable supply of food for your people? The government has also allowed almost unlimited imports of boneless beef from Argentina and Australia, mutton from New Zealand, and pork from many countries. Canada is currently shipping 10,000 hogs a day into the United States to take advantage of our high-priced dollars. The livestock farmer has lost

money eleven out of the last twelve years. All these actions are sanctioned by our government to keep consumer food prices as low as possible.

As if that were not enough of an albatross around the farmer's neck, this part of the country has suffered from unfavorable weather and low crop yields for four of the last five years.

The basic underlying cause that has contributed to the agriculture problem is the government spending more than it is taking in and allowing the next generation to pay for this expenditure. This budgeting deficit has caused an unrealistically high-priced dollar which has denied the American farmer a growing export market throughout the world. In many cases, a 50 to 75 percent appreciation of the dollar has made our agriculture exports priced very highly and as a result we are not able to sell our agricultural products. The interest on the federal dollar for just the month of December 1984 was \$24 billion.

It appears to me that the people that have kept this the best fed nation in the world are being treated as if they were a detriment to society.

Farm crisis--yes or no? Examine the *Daily Forum* or any rural newspaper advertising farm foreclosures and you will note that agriculture is in serious trouble. Recently 36 crosses placed on the Nodaway County Courthouse lawn represented the demise of 36 farms in the Nodaway County area as a stark reminder of the reality of the problem farmers are facing today.

Farm crisis--yes, Yes, YES!!!

LETTERS

Farmers' dream fades as crisis strikes

Dear Editor:

Springtime is quickly approaching and with it comes another growing season for the American farmer. Each farmer's dream is to see that first spear of green grass and the first full day in the field. But this spring is not typical. Many farmers are being forced to sell out in order to pay off loans or are unable to obtain enough financial credit necessary to put in another crop.

In 1940, 23 percent of Americans lived on farms but that number has dropped sharply over the years to 2.4 percent in 1984.

At the present time this trend is continuing at an accelerated rate with at least one farmer being lost every five minutes. It has become a severe problem.

Our values of today concentrate on minority rights. Although nothing seems to be done to help or support the American farmer, a minority, who feeds the nation and much of the world. The United States doesn't support or subsidize farm products as Canada supports theirs.

Farmers throughout the Midwest, one of the hardest hit areas, have been plagued by abnormally bad weather.

The farmer is further burdened by the surplus of products despite the mass starvation in Ethiopia.

Several misguided agricultural programs have helped to raise interest rates, lower commodity prices and strengthen the American dollar which, in turn, decreased foreign sales.

What effect does farming have on a nation? In Iowa which produces approximately one-tenth of the nation's food farming, it has had a major effect on the stability and continual existence of the small town.

Take, for example, Mount Ayr in Ringold county in south central Iowa. After only three years of poor crops, the town is on the verge of extinction. Farmland has dropped from \$1,200 an acre to under \$400 in just five years. Within that same time period, they have lost much of their main businesses, the farm-implement dealers, a grain elevator, a main department store and one of two banks. This is only one more example of what is happening in a ripple effect.

Twenty-two million jobs depend upon agriculture ranging from McDonalds to autoworkers.

I feel very sad when I think of proud people 65-70 years old who have dedicated their entire lives to feeding a world full of hunger with only the satisfaction of springtime and harvest in return. I hope it's not too late to restore that satisfaction.

Sincerely,
Evan Townsend

Rowdy few give team a bad name

Dear Editor,

Sigma Phi Epsilon's annual Air Rock contest was held last Thursday night, and there were many people who chose to attend or participate. As always, there were a few who felt it necessary to come to the concert in an altered state. We did not see any alcohol, however--until a group of football players pushed their way through the crowd.

There were four or five members of the football team who pushed through the crowd, being obnoxious and acting like they owned the world. We were proud of our team and went to the games to support them. We honored their wins by ringing the Bell of '48 after each win at home. We were very disappointed to find that the people we cheered for were a bunch of obnoxious jerks.

We are not attacking the whole football team. We have known many players who are nice and intelligent. Maybe it is only a few who act this way--but they more than make up for the others. It only takes a few people to make or break a reputation for a whole organization.

A conference championship doesn't mean much when the players that won it can't behave like human beings.

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IN YOUR OPINION: Do you feel there is an agriculture problem across the U-S?

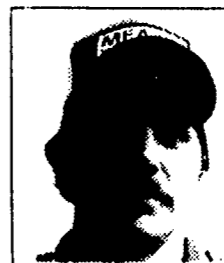
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"Yes, most definitely. A lot of them we can't do anything about (the weather, high interest, low prices). Because even if we raise a crop we can't get enough out of it to make any money. A lot of people think we brought it on ourselves by trying to borrow too much money and getting ourselves too far in debt. There's no way you can farm without getting a little bit in debt. I don't care who you are. There's an answer out there someplace, but I don't know what it is.

"Yes I think there is one because all the farmers are going in debt. They're borrowing too much money and they spend too much. They're not making enough money to pay off their loans. They're borrowing money to buy huge machines that they don't need just to keep up with their neighbors. The prices are not high enough. Interest rates are too high and you just don't make enough being a farmer."

"Yes, probably the worst one since the Great Depression. I think what people don't realize, too, is that it's going to affect the whole economy in the long run. Every time a farmer goes out of business he's going to go into town and compete with the people that are already in town. I think mainly the problem is we're operating in a closed market. Everything we buy they tell us what to give for it and everything we sell they tell us what they'll pay us.

I think it's been government price supports throughout the years and it's outpriced us on the world market. And the input industries have raised their price to the limit of what they could get and they're not wanting to come down on their prices. And now we've hit a time when the dollar's high and exports have gone down. That's only a small part of the problem. The deficit keeps the interest rates high. I think what would help as much as anything is real understanding in the people in non-ag related fields."



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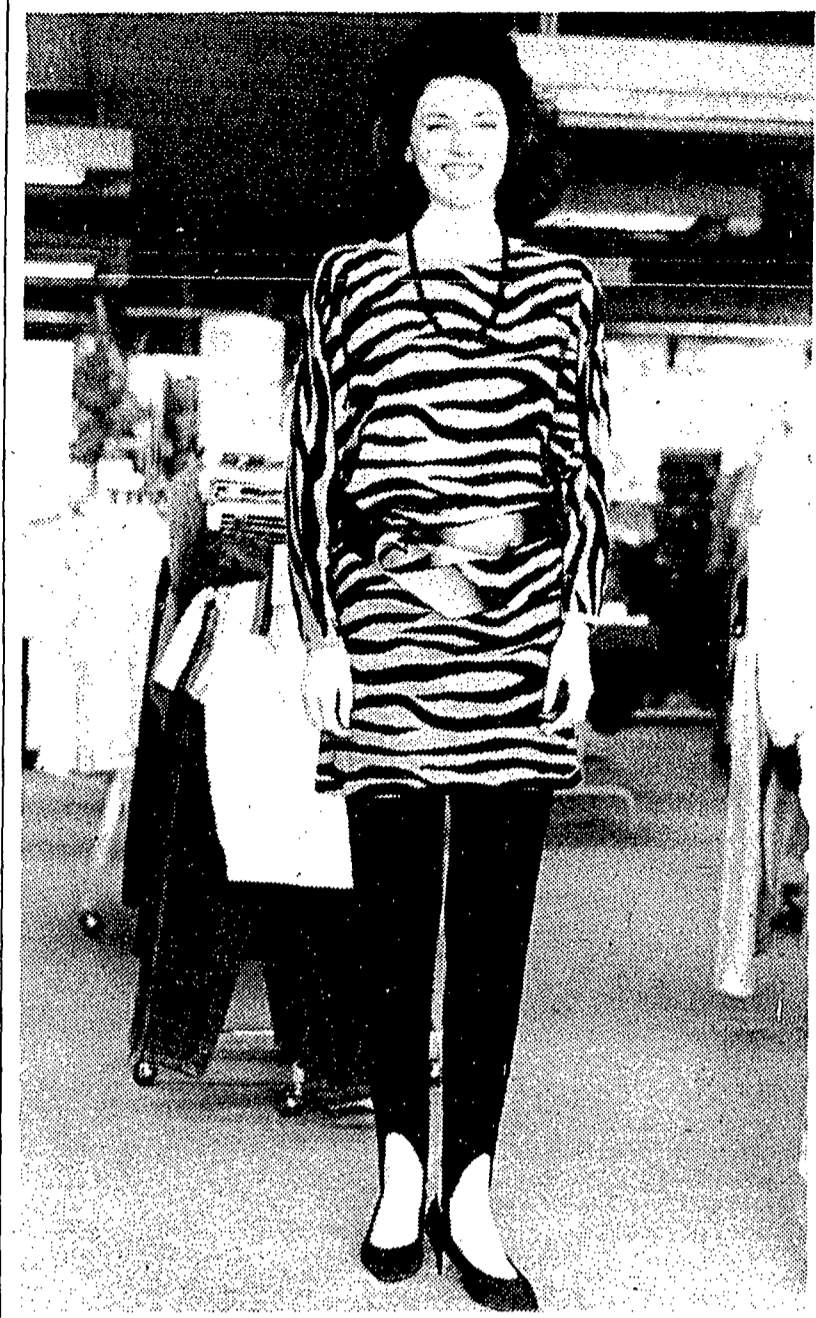
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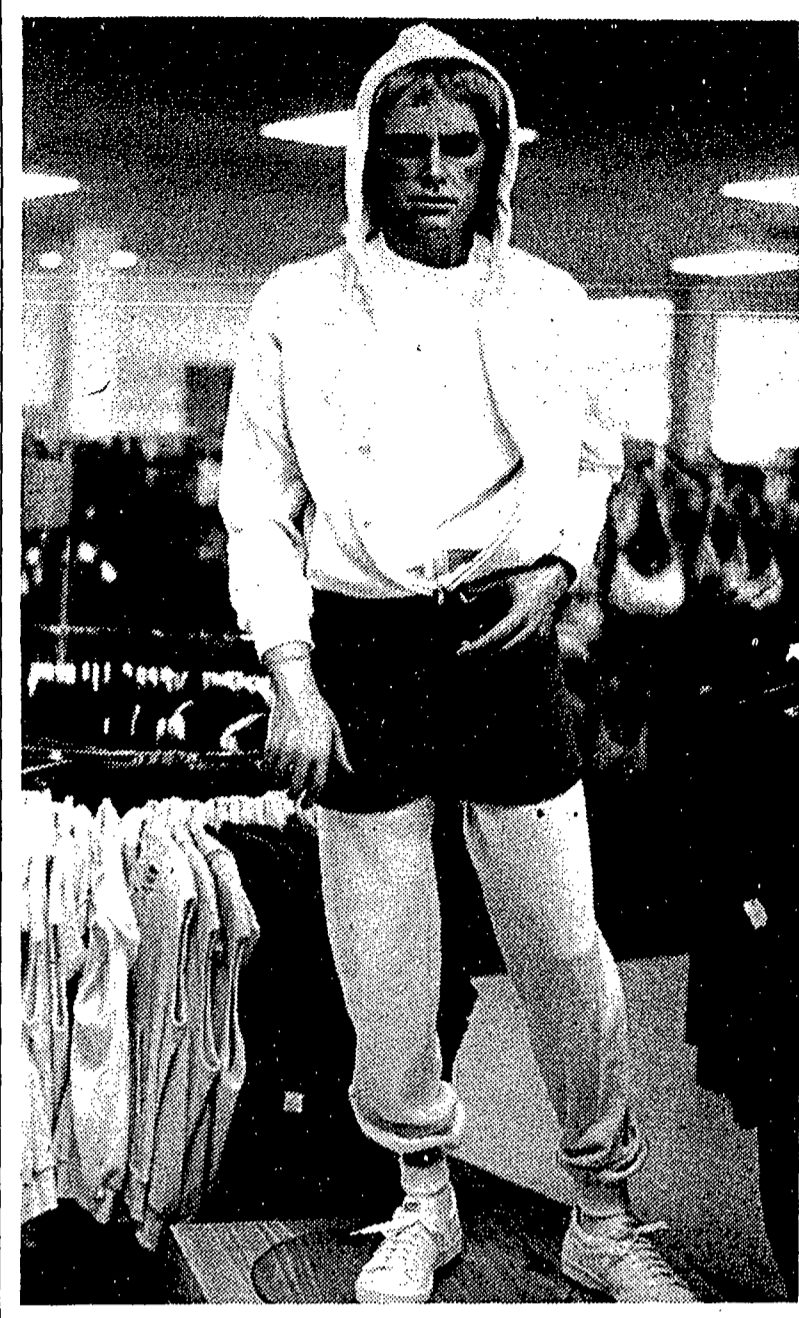
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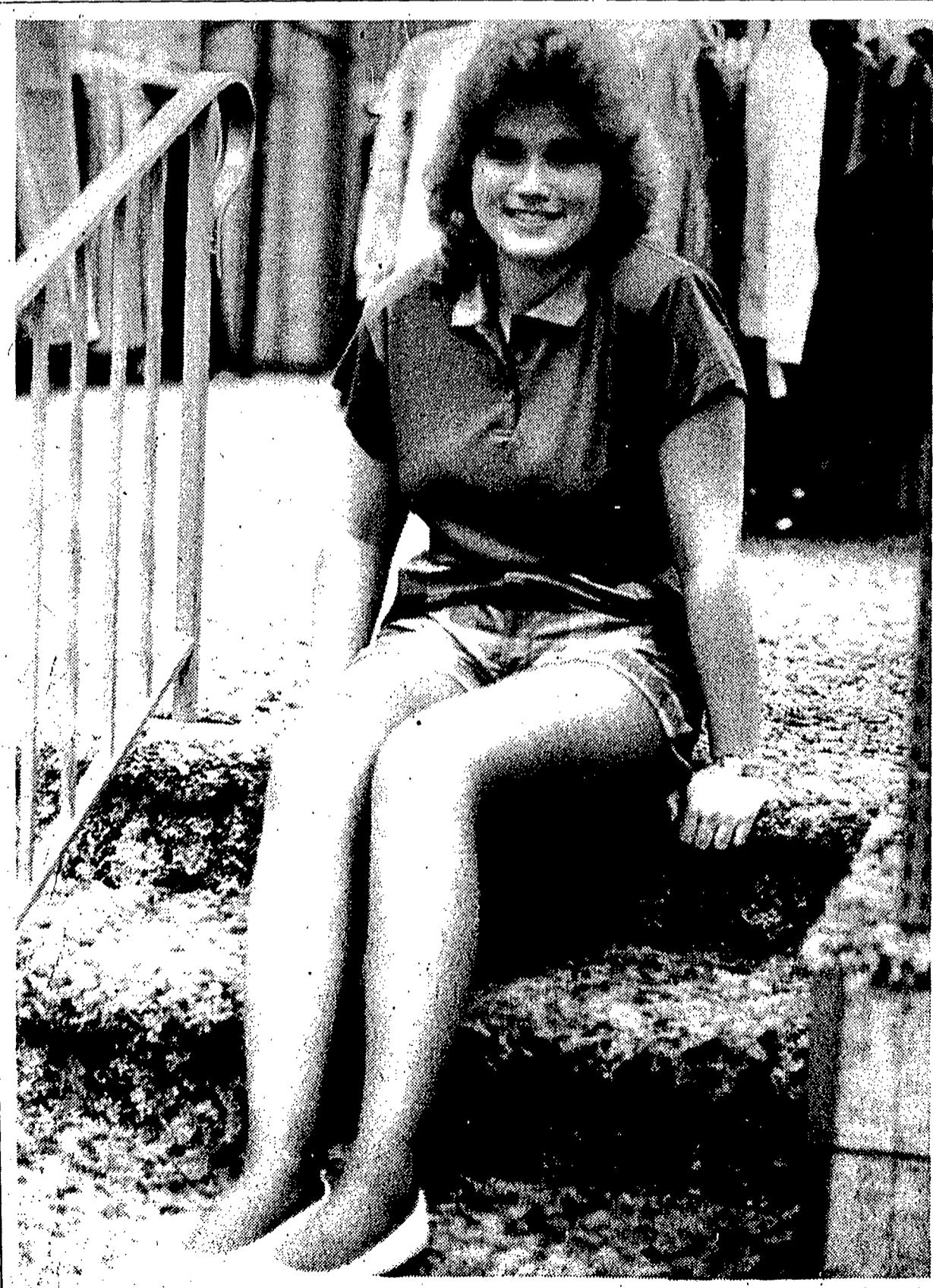


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Bold, new colorful fashions for "creative" you



BY ARLETHA BLAND
Staff writer

Big shirts, bright sweaters, soft pastels, wide belts with studs, looped, bulging earrings, long pearls, dainty lace, pleats in pants and sweats are the spring fashions for 1985.

For years the American youth have been called radical, impulsive, enthusiastic yet lazy. Now the clothes are just as invigorating, explosive and even as laid back as those young adults who wear them.

In this year's spring and summer collections the versatility of the clothes and accessories is widespread:

"A person can buy five items and end up with 10 outfits with a change of shoes, jewelry or a belt," Nancy Mills, manager of Tober's Fashions, said.

This versatility is also good because of the contrasting ideas that have been inspired by the changeability of the clothes. Masculine themes with pastel colors, oversized shirts, wide-legged pants are all part of a change in theme for 1985.

Joella Holman, manager of Maurice's, said, "Spring and summer for 1985 have a lot of contrast, with exciting and unusual uses of colors, popular pastels contrasting with

bright colors. The prints will also be popular this year. Zebra prints and jungle prints will be teamed up with popular fun accessories.

"Feminine material can be teamed with a masculine theme as in mixing different textures along with drop earrings or a nautical (navy type) theme with emblems on shirts, bow ties and hats. These may not be fads because they are casual and comfortable," Holman said.

Included in the spring fashions are great colors for men. "The sales on woven shirts like the Hawaiian prints and neon print colors are great for young men and college students. Also the 'jam shorts' are popular. Thigh-length shorts with safari style hats have been quite popular here," Mike Herring, Livingston's Clothing manager, said.

"These colors for men are reflections of spring and I like that. The baggy look on women isn't too hot but the oversized sports coats are really nice. The lace and sheer pastels look great and make the women look more feminine," Bryan Love, a student, said.

For those stores that have always been looked upon as a family store, one that you don't think to run to for the latest fashions, there's been a

change. Stores all over have become more fashion conscious for both men and women.

"We have upgraded to a higher clothing market with the Halston collection for women, the Hunt Club for men and women. Levi's and Adidas have also been added to our men's line-up," said Larry Hooppaw, manager of J.C. Penney's.

"Seeing all the exciting colors, stripes and prints just excites you. Guys are able to be more creative without losing their masculinity and we are able to dress any way we please without any holding back. I think women and men ought to take total advantage of the ability to dress freely, stylishly and for whatever mood we want. No more, 'no white in winter' or 'no green in summer.' You can use any color anytime," Robin Rhodes, a student, said.

It's time to let loose, brighten your wardrobe and get into the spring fashions for 1985. The new spring fashion is definitely spicy with an added variety that lets anyone be the type of dresser that suits them best or their mood and setting. So whatever you've always wanted to wear, like those plaid shorts with your striped tie and neon colored sweater, your chance has come with this year's colorful spring line.



LEFT: BARE-LEGGED wearing plaid shorts and a sporty two-tone polo-style shirt are cool ways to enjoy the sun-filled days. **ABOVE:** Casual clothing like printed shorts for men and topsiders are often seen on campus when "hanging out" or shopping.

on or off campus

Students supply the workforce

BY TERESA SCHUELKE
Editor-in-chief

Approximately 689 of them do it on-campus. There is no formal count on how many do it off-campus. Students who work, that is.

Ellen Mothershead, associate director of financial aid, said 411 students have work-study. Another 278 are on regular payroll. That figure was taken last November. These numbers don't include students who work at ARA food service which is separate from the university.

Jim Winn, director of the dining service, said that ARA employs about 150 students. This makes ARA the largest single on-campus employer.

Students take to the work force for a number of reasons. Some need the money for rent, tuition or payments.

"I needed the money for rent and apartment expenses," Diane Cooper said.

Tom Cirks said he works to help finance his education.

Whatever the reason, students find some advantages to a regular paycheck.

"I started working to build up my savings account," Brenda McGinness said. "I like being on my own."

"It teaches you how to budget your time," Cooper said. "Since I go to work, I don't get near as much free time."

Time management is a big concern to working students. Managing time especially working and studying could mean a lot of late nights and early mornings.

"It (time) manages its self. Time goes by and there's nothing I can do. You do what you can get done," Carol Esser said. Esser studies on campus while waiting to go to class or work.

But for all the advantages, some disadvantages creep in. The main setback is the lack of free time.

"You don't always have free time," Rodney McDonald said. "You can't go out and party when your time might have to be spent on studying. You can't go home on weekends when you want to."

The working situation might be different depending on whether you work on-campus or off-campus. Students feel on-campus jobs are more flexible.

Esser who works for ARA said that the work schedule is easy to fit his class schedule around.

"Off-campus work is not near as flexible," Cooper said. Cooper worked as Tober's Fashions and also the campus intermural office on work-study. "In work-study they don't care as long as you put your hours in."

A more important fact than the jobs is the employers. Besides the university, many Maryville businesses hire college students.

University students make up 25 percent of Hy-Vee's total workforce. Supervisor Jeff Abbott said there's an advantage to hiring university students. "They're older and know more about the business philosophy," Abbott said. Abbott said college

students are more available since they don't have classes all day.

Local businesses said they don't have a problem getting students to work doing break. Many students who work are from the area.

"We hire a lot from the area," Steve Durbin, assistant manager at K-Mart, said. "We tell them they're expected to be here."

Karla May, general manager at Yesterday's, said employees get someone to cover their own shift.

"They want a job and will work," Rich Wilmes, Easter's assistant manager, said. "There's no problems if they let us know in advance." Wilmes said the hours can be scheduled around activities.

If a student works for the university, he doesn't have to worry about breaks. "When the university gets a vacation, I get a vacation," Esser said.

Even if it means giving up free time and a hectic social life, students are choosing the steady paycheck whether its on or off campus.

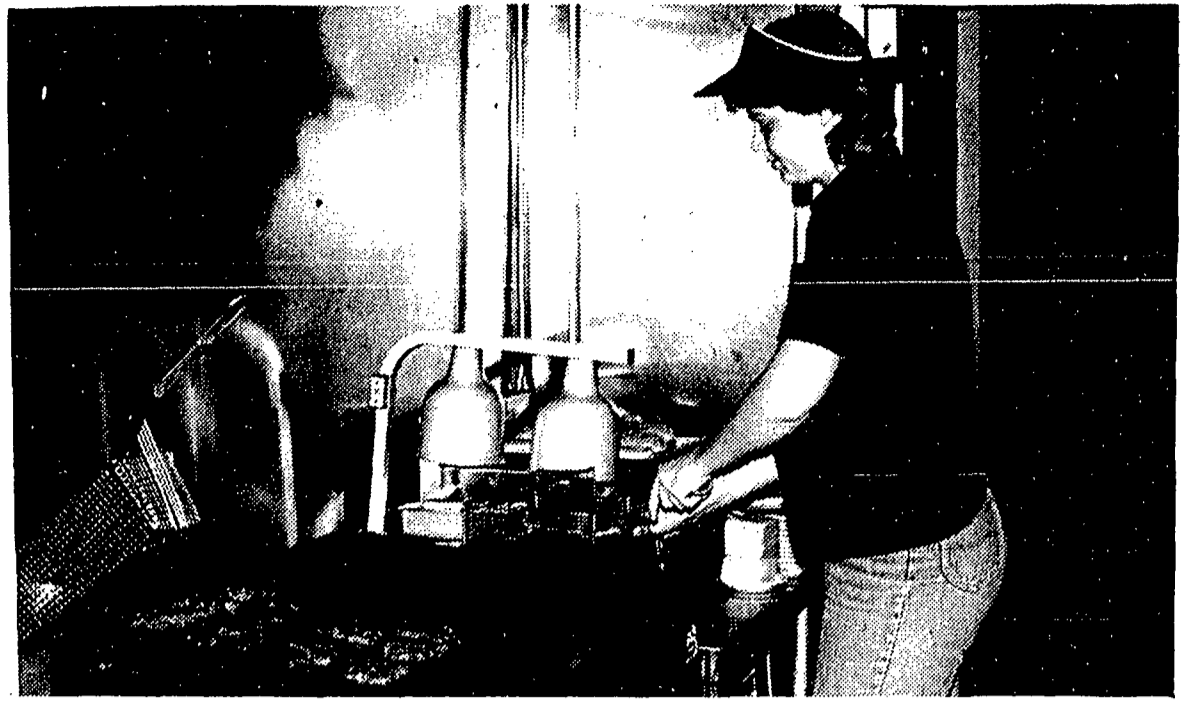


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ARA FOOD SERVICE is the largest on-campus employer. Around 150 students work there. The average worker can expect to make \$1,875 for the year. However, many other students work on campus either on the regular payroll or work-study. There are still other students who work in Maryville or the surrounding area. Students will use their paycheck for tuition, apartment expenses and spending money.

Geisert takes Oriental research to Harvard

BY ARLETHA BLAND
Staff writer

Many academic advisers, faculty and staff members offer specialties that add to their records and top quality backgrounds. One of those faculty members who is so credited is Dr. Brad Geisert, assistant professor

of humanities and history.

Geisert graduated from Bridgewater College in Virginia and went to graduate school at the University of Virginia. During Geisert's graduate study he had the opportunity to spend a year in Taiwan doing research for his doctoral dissertation and some language study. "I'd love to go back, also to mainland China," Geisert said.

Geisert has also been asked to go to Harvard this summer and teach a course in "The Rise of Modern China," a graduate level course.

"The Harvard connection started in July 1983 to August 1984 when I did a Post Doctoral Fellowship at Harvard and was paid to do research at the Fair Bank Center for East Asian Research. This consisted of revising a manuscript for publication. That publication has been submitted to the Harvard East Asian Monograph Series," Geisert said. This research was on the Chinese Nationalist Party during the 1920s and '30s. A revision on his dissertation is in the works but

hasn't been completed yet and, Geisert said, that's one reason why he wants to go back this summer.

Some people would ask why Geisert is so interested in the East Asian ways and people. "Asia is increasing in importance and productivity every year. For example, Japan is now our second largest trading partner. With increasing economic power, more political power is the result. East Asian clout is something the United States will have to reckon with," Geisert said.

The fall of 1985 will academically allow other students to broaden their horizons to learn about and understand East Asia. Two courses have been added that are going to be taught by Geisert. Included in the general education requirements under humanities will be "The Eastern World," which will be a second block course. The second course offered will be a Foreign Language Study in Chinese, a semester course.

"The course on the Eastern World that's been included in the general re-

quirements package provides a sampling of Eastern history and culture. In order to understand our own culture and values, it is important to compare them to those of other people. This course should provide a basis for comparison," Geisert said.

"College is the last chance to open up to the world, and we hope people will take advantage of it," Geisert said. One way students can start taking advantage is by preparing to tour China. Geisert is now trying to set up a tour of China for the summer of 1986, which students may get credit for.

With a dissertation to complete and courses to prepare for both the summer at Harvard and the newly scheduled fall courses, Geisert has a busy schedule to keep organized.

"A good thing to add is the new courses because that way we can be more versatile in our general requirements and learn something new and interesting at the same time," said Janet McQuatha.

Major mishaps reduced by first aid

BY KATHY GATES
Staff writer

With spring come good times and unfortunately carelessness. Many minor accidents can be treated with success if one knows the right first aid treatments. First aid is vital because it often can mean the difference between life and death, prevent further injury and best of all relieve pain.

First Aid teacher Pam Medford said, "First aid should be used by a trained person who has had first aid training. If a person doesn't know how to treat an accident victim, he or she should get help because they can cause the injuries to become worse."

Some treatments of first aid that everyone should know include:

*Controlling bleeding of wounds. The main objective is to stop the bleeding by applying direct pressure,

and to add a bandage. If blood soaks through the bandage, elevate the wounded limb above the heart, if there is no bone fracture. Make sure to wash the cut with soap and water, and rinse by flushing with clean water. If cut or wound begins to swell or become tender it may be infected. The person may then need to see a physician.

*Helping choking victims. One attempting to help must first recognize the signs. A victim may suddenly become quiet and a look of surprise may register on his face. The throat may be cleared by striking him several times in rapid succession between the shoulder blades with the heel of one's hand. Second, if the throat remains blocked, one may use the Heimlich maneuver. With victim standing or sitting, one can wrap his arms around the victim's waist from behind. By

making a fist with one hand and placing it thumb side against the abdomen between the navel and rib cage, one may clear the throat with a quick upward thrust.

*Aiding fracture and joint injury victims. Try not to move the victim, but if you must, move him as little and gently as possible. Stop the bleeding with a clean dressing, but do not wash or probe the wound. Place limb in a normal and comfortable position without manipulating broken bone. Make a splint to support and protect wounded area with a rigid material. The splint should be long enough and fastened firmly with wide strips, but loosely enough to avoid swelling.

Medford said that first aid mainly is using common sense, but in any given emergency situation we sometimes may forget the procedures.

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Opening of students one-act plays to start soon

BY NANCY MEYER
Staff writer

Laughter, tears, intensity: they'll all be found at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center this weekend.

The One Act Plays will be performed 8 p.m. March 29 and 30, and 2 p.m. March 31.

The first play, "Curse You Jack Dalton," is an old-fashioned melodrama written by William Braun. Trish McCue is the student director.

"Curse You Jack Dalton" contains all the characters a melodrama should have: the hero or heroine, the villain,

and many others. The play is about a wealthy young man, Jack Dalton, who falls in love with the maid. Jack's mother disapproves, of course. An evil woman wants Jack for his money but an evil man also wants the family's fortune, so he tries to marry Jack's sister, Eloise. The play is basically a process of untangling the plot toward a happy ending.

The second play, "The Chastening," is more serious and emotional. Written by Richard Weaver and directed by Linda Jones, it involves a man, his son, and his

father. Relationships between the man and his father and the man and his son are depicted, and the scenes all take place supposedly in the man's head.

The third show, "The Messiah," is written and directed by Ted Thomas.

This play has a tragic overtone and is about the second coming of Christ in modern times. It questions whether mankind is ready to accept Christ or if mankind will reject Him as they did the first time.

The final show is "The Indian Wants the Bronx" by Israel Horowitz.

Russ Williams will direct it. The play is set on a New York street corner where a man from India is waiting for a bus late at night in an undesirable neighborhood. Two teen-aged boys come and begin to taunt the man. The play centers on the two boys joking around with the man at first, then becoming quite vicious toward him.

This intent play focuses primarily on the pointless brutality of these two boys toward the Indian.

These are all students directing for the first time in a pressure situations. They've all acted before and worked in various other areas of the theatre, but never actually directed before.

Tickets are now available at the Performing Arts Center Box Office 1-4 p.m. or the Union information booth 11 a.m.-1 p.m. They are also available at the door. Tickets are \$3.00 for general admission, \$2.00 for students and groups, and \$1.00 with a Northwest I.D. For more information call 562-1320 or 1321.



TWO STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE a dramatic scene in one of the four one-act plays which will be presented in the Performing Arts Center on Fri., Sat. and Sun.

Photo by Trevor Cape



THREE MEMBERS OF the One-Act play take out a moment for laughter while rehearsing scenes.

Photo by Trevor Cape

Thomas put his dreams in play

BY ARLETHA BLAND
Staff writer

"When I was eight years old I saw my first live theatre performance and ever since then I've had a little flame that lights up and says 'you're going to be a theatre person' and I now feel really happy. I must be a theatre person," said Ted Thomas, student and author of "Messiah," a one act play to be performed at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center in late March. Of course, it's natural for a theatre person to be able to write plays and have them performed. But what's not too ordinary is for it to be written and directed by a 20-year-old college student.

Thomas is the first in his family to go into theatre. Most of his family did as their ancestors from England and Wales: they are traditional, in-

cluding Thomas' brother and sister. "My brother is in the Air Force and my sister is an M.T. (medical technician). Both are married with children. I was the strange child. And although my parents don't understand me they give me their support 100 percent," Thomas said.

"Messiah" is basically a statement about the conflict of good and evil, and it sort of makes a statement about mankind in general. It's about greed and redemption. I study religions basically, and think about the things I'd studied and what Christianity has to say. I saw the opportunity to take the basic concept behind it and make a good story that also will make people think," Thomas said.

While making others think Thomas keeps busy thinking and writing. Thomas has written a total of seven plays, three before "Messiah" and three since. "No two plays are alike. I try to make a statement in all of them, some plain open statements and some of them you have to look deeper for," Thomas said. One concept that floats throughout all of his plays is, "love every one like a brother." By doing that, you can find it in you to forgive a great deal of things people don't generally want to forgive," Thomas said.

Besides writing plays Thomas studies different religions. "My grandfather was an Arkansas preacher but he died before I got a chance to know him. In a way I am finding out what kind of person he could have been," Thomas said. "I would like to sell this play to a publishing firm and use the money to do the same thing with my other plays. To take one of

my plays from beginning to end is what I hope to do. One play, "The Christmas Party: A Play For All Seasons," I would like to design, direct and star in. It all doesn't seem as worth it if there's no challenge. I'd probably be disappointed if everything fell into place," said Thomas.

A lot of hard work is involved in Thomas' life. He is directing his play, earning a bachelor's degree in theatre and writing more plays. Most students find it difficult going to college, but Thomas said, "You have to buckle down and work hard at it. The people that are backing you have to have faith in you."

As far as future goals, he has many: to continue writing, directing and acting and to marry and have children. To many Thomas has started a path of accomplishments and already has a lot of success for a young adult. Thomas doesn't seem to think he's accomplished half of what others accomplished even earlier than he.

"In comparison to Alexander The Great who ruled the world at 18, I have more to do," Thomas said.

"I would like to thank all the people who have helped me in this, hoping that somewhere, somehow I won't miss thanking you personally."

Last week's puzzle answer

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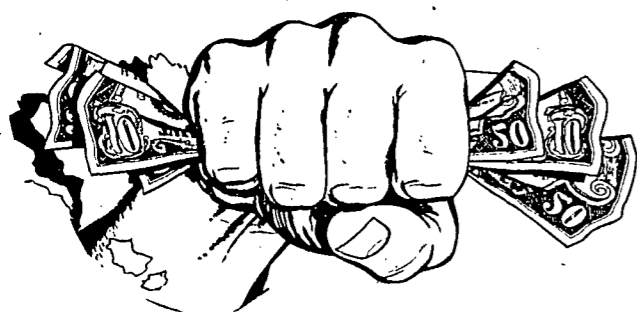


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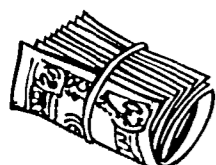


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ACTIVITIES

March

28 CAPS CAMPUS MOVIE will be "Star Man," Horace Mann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. now through Sunday.
HIGH SCHOOL MATH OLYMPIAD will be held on campus.

29 THEATER DEPARTMENT presents "One-Act Plays" Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

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30 THEATER DEPARTMENT presents "One-Act Plays" Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

THEATER DEPARTMENT presents "One-Act Plays" Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE will be held 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Union. Guest speaker will be Dr. Wallace Culver.

CHEERLEADING WORKOUT SESSION for all interested persons in trying out for cheerleading. Positions are open for football and basketball season. Session will be held from 10-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Tryouts will be April 13 and 14.

April

1 POET Robert Wallace will do poetry reading 8 p.m. in the Union ballroom. Cost is \$2 for faculty, \$1 for non-Northwest students, and free to Northwest students with student ID.

COMMUNITY BLOODMOBILE will be in the 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Union ballroom.

EXECUTIVE-IN-RESIDENCE DAY will be conducted by the School of Business and Government.

2 AN EVENING OF MUSICAL THEATRE will be presented at 8 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater.

8 PERRIN HALL COUNCIL will be sponsoring "The Roommate Game" Cost is \$3 per couple. There will be \$400 in prizes. For more information, contact Perrin Hall.

If you wish to have information placed in 'Around the Town' please contact a News editor at 562-1224 any time from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All information must be submitted no later than Monday, 4 p.m. to insure publication in that week's edition.



STROLLER

Spring fever brings sunshine, fun, sneezing

Spring has finally found its way to Northwest. Some are replacing their winter coats and gloves for shorts and frisbees. Others are replacing their books and studying for late-night parties out on the roof. Spring fever has hit. For your Stroller it hit in the form of a running nose and sneezing.

Definition of a sneeze: to exhale, breath from the nose and mouth in a sudden, involuntary, explosive action, as a result of an irritation of the nasal mucus membrane. Was Webster trying to be funny or what?

Waking up with a pounding headache, your Man was moving towards the closet when a rapid sequence of sneezes sent his head and body into spasms. Falling back into bed, he decided to take it easy to prepare for a big party this weekend. Glancing over to his roomie's books, your Sneezie Stroller happened to

notice a book on cures and remedies for the common cold.

Looking it over, he noticed such things as stand on your head, press your upper lip, put a clothes pin on your nose, recite the alphabet backwards, smell garlic or horseradish, rub your face with lard or put yourself on ice. Your constantly sneezing Stroller decided anything was worth a try and gave it his best.

With little success your Stroller noticed the heading of the next page, "What causes a sneeze?" With nothing better to do he decided to become an expert on sneezing and began reading. "Irritation of the nasal membranes triggers the brain, via a nerve, to produce the chain of neuromuscular events that make up a sneeze."

In other words, the nose becomes irritated, tells the brain it is irritated and

asks for a remedy. The brain tells the nose to produce a clear fluid. The nose then asks for a type of relief. The brain replies by making the lungs inhale, exhale and then blows everything through the nose and mouth all over your hand, across the room and on your sleeve when you try to cover up.

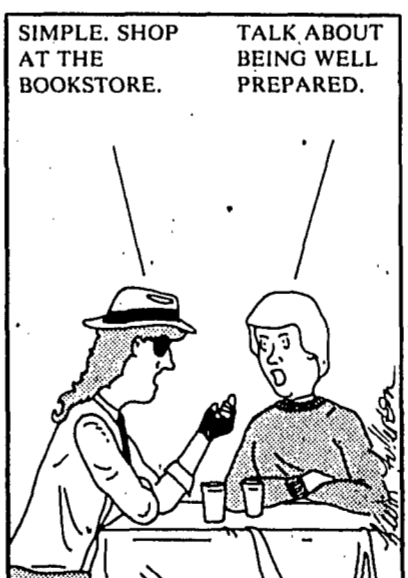
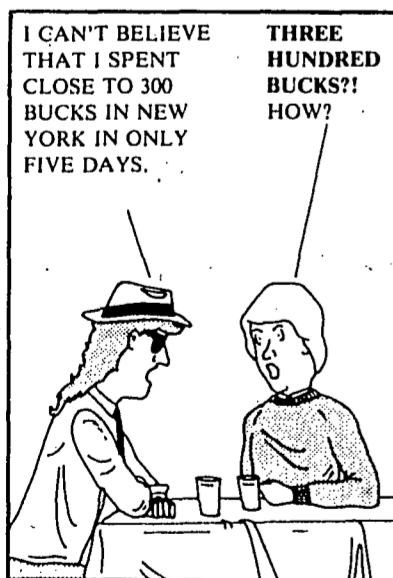
Furthering his investigation of sneezing, your Man read a study prepared by a couple of people at M.I.T. entitled "Sneezology: or Assault with a deadly blow." They concluded that when someone sneezes, they send out several thousand moisture particles. Using a strobelight to visibly slow the motion of the particles, they recorded the sneeze particles flying at 103.6 m.p.h. and landing up to 12 feet away. Some of the particles land immediately, some float around for a while.

In other words, anyone that happens to cross the vicinity of a sneeze is more than likely going to catch the flu. Some researchers say, that is how the flu epidemic of 1918 and Black Death of the middle ages got started. Your Stroller found that hard to believe, because Jimmy Durante wasn't even around then. "Ahhhhh-Choo!"

At the bottom of the page the word sneeze was given in different languages. Some of the pronunciations sound like a sneeze itself. In Japanese it is kushami; Hebrew, itush; Polish, kichniecie and in Czech it is kychnutí.

No matter what language it's in, it has the same effect. Your Stroller was suddenly sent into a sneezing fit that resembled a sort of seizure. Your Man decided to call it a night and sleep. Besides, whoever heard anyone sneezing while they sleep?

Spencer/ BY KEVIN FULLERTON



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 12 Employ
- 13 Leak through
- 14 Greek letter
- 15 Worship
- 17 Attains
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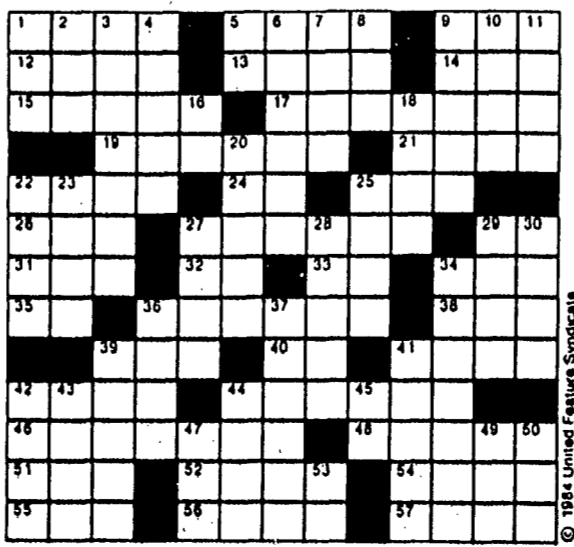
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- 42 Barracuda
- 43 Region
- 44 Sea in Asia
- 45 River in Siberia
- 47 Devoured
- 49 Article
- 50 Soak up
- 53 Compass point

Last week's answer on Page 7



some of these uptempo cuts, the mood turned mellow and Ocean's vocals were given room to open up on his moving cover of the Beatles' classic ballad 'The Long and Winding Road' and his own 'Suddenly.'

And even though this album has given the vocalist popular recognition, Ocean didn't hesitate to reach back to the tunes which initially broke him to radio and retail such as 'One Of The Nights.'

But, of course, many in the crowd had waited all night to hear Ocean's biggest hit, 'Caribbean Queen.' The formidable melodic hook which makes up the heart of the tune swept the audience away leaving all in attendance satisfied and wanting more.

In video news: If you've been watching VH-1 lately you're familiar with its first contest: VH-1 Lush Life With Linda Ronstadt. Grand prize is a first-class, round-trip airline ticket to New York, NY, hotel accommodations for two nights/three days, limousine service for the whole stay, orchestra seats to a Broadway show and a private dinner with Linda Ronstadt! And, \$1,000 in spending cash per day, a full-length fur coat and a 1986 Lincoln Continental.

Vestron Music Video has licensed a compilation of not exactly PG-rated music videos from Picture Music International. It's called Red Hot Rock, and includes uncensored clips from Duran Duran, Queen, Dwight Twilley, O'Bryan and the Tubes. The videos have never been aired. Can you guess why?

Release beat: MCA Home Video is releasing 'Dune' in May. 'Dune' runs two hours and 17 minutes and retails for \$79.95. Featured in the movie is Sting of Police fame, Linda Hunt, Kyle MacLachlan, Francesca Annis, Jose Ferrer, Max Von Sydow and Sean Young. Media Home Entertainment has a ghastly release for March: 'Sleepaway Camp.' This murder yarn runs 88-minutes with a list price of \$69.95.

Albert's Medley: Deep Purple and members of their road crew trounced Cleveland radio station WMMS Buzzards in an action-packed soccer match played for charity. The final score was 9-5, with Purple lead guitarist Ritchie Blackmore leading his team in scoring. Roger Glover, acting as team captain, Ian Gillan, and Ian Paice also lent participation.

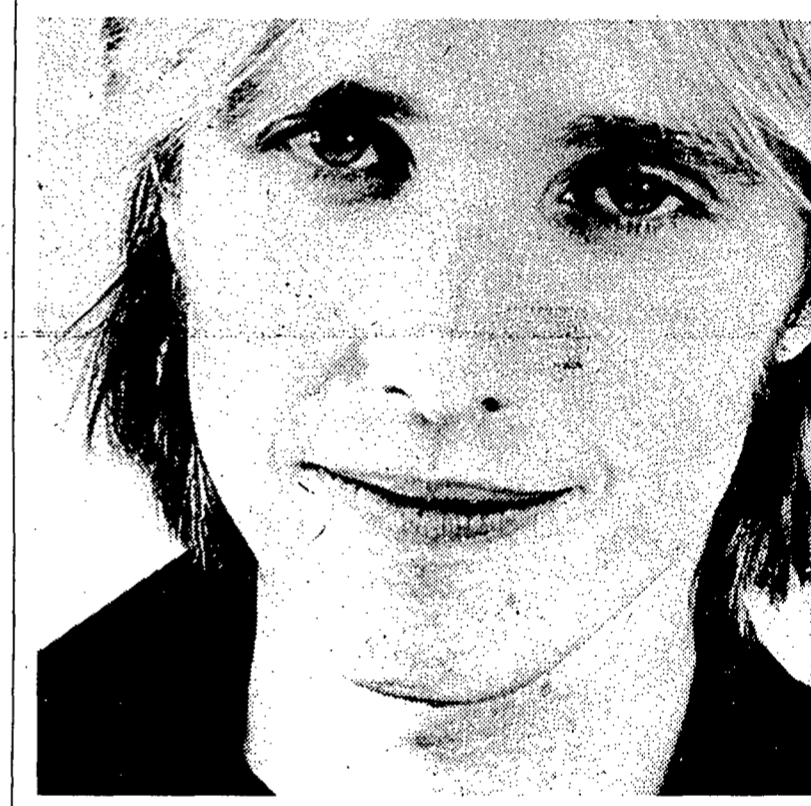
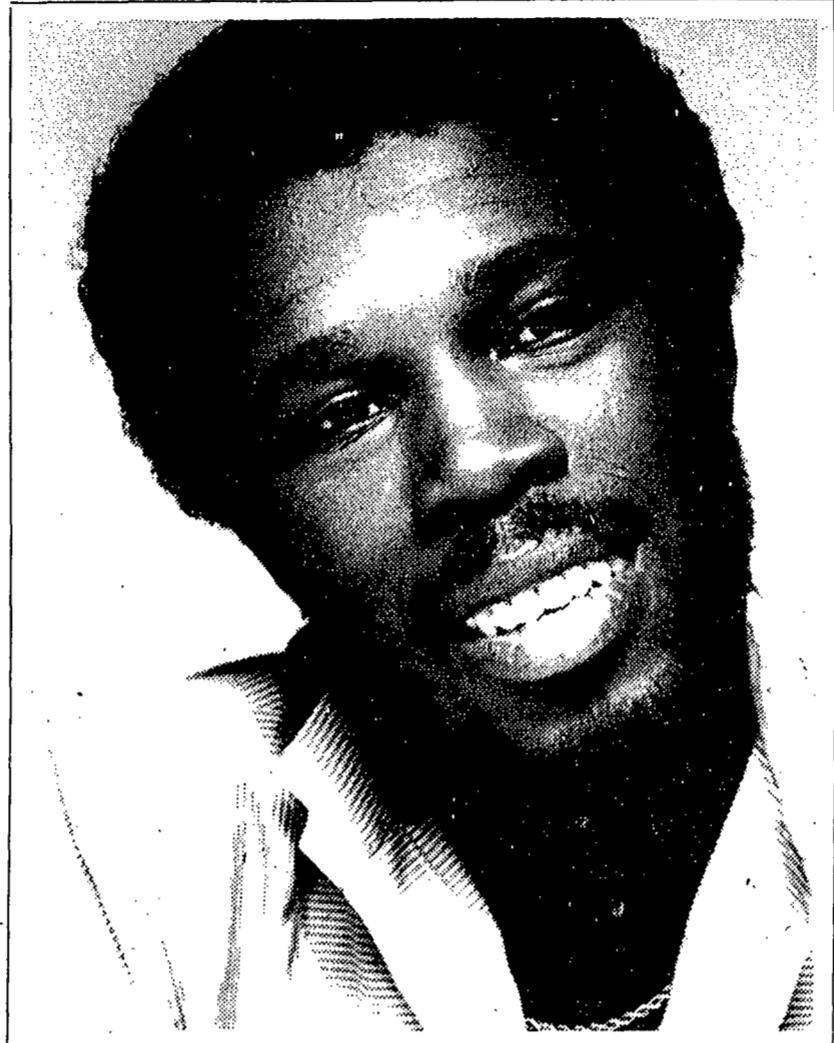
The match, which took place at the practice center for the Cleveland Force indoor soccer team, was played before a capacity crowd of 500, raising \$1,000 for the T.J. Martell Foundation for Cancer and Leukemia Research. WMMS radio personality Kid Leo, the Buzzards team captain, is the national radio chairman for the T.J. Martell Foundation.

With the recent MCA release of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers first new single in nearly three years, a '70s rocker makes his entrance into the '80s with a new sound. Petty's hand, injured in the now famous "wall punching" incident, is said to be healed enough for a possible summer tour.

Highlights of the album include three Petty/David Stewart (Eurythmics) compositions, including the first single 'Don't Come Around Here No More' as well as one tune, 'The Best of Everything.' This cut includes Robbie Robertson co-producing with Petty and Jimmy Iovine and other band members Garth Hudson and Richard Manuel contributing instrumentation.

Wham! has become the first Western Pop/Rock act to be invited to perform in the People's Republic of China. The band will play its first date on April 7, at the 15,000-seat People's Gymnasium in Peking. According to the group's co-manager, Jazz Summers, the band will play an additional Chinese date in Guangzhou, in the province of Canton on April 10. Summers told Cash Box that tickets for both shows went on sale March 11 and were sold "in the normal way" to the general public.

BILLY OCEAN



TOM PETTY

CHARTBUSTERS

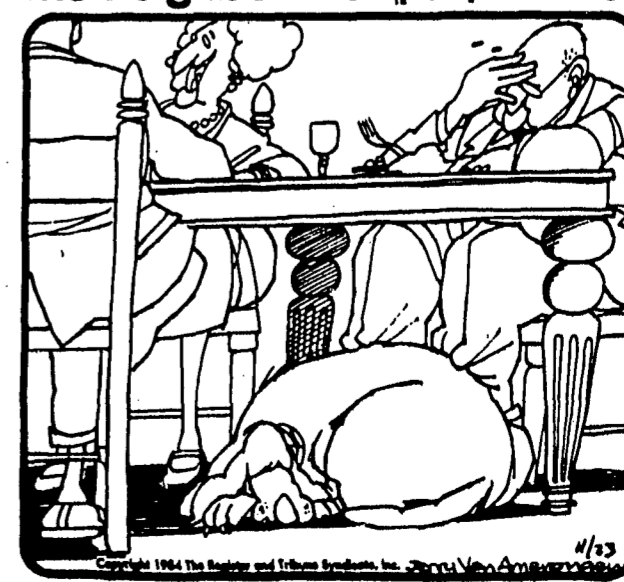
Cash box's top five pop singles for the week are:

1. Material Girl--Madonna
2. One More Night--Phil Collins
3. I Can't Fight This Feeling--REO Speedwagon
4. The Heat Is On--Glenn Frey
5. Lovergirl--Teena Marie

Cash box's top five pop albums for the week are:

1. No Jacket Required--Phil Collins
2. Centerfield--John Fogerty
3. Born In The U.S.A.--Bruce Springsteen
4. Private Dancer--Tina Turner
5. Make It Big--Wham!

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Defensive ability proves big asset to Biggs

BY MIKE SOBBE
Staff writer

Good defense is always a prerequisite for a second baseman. Northwest has had this for the last two seasons with Mike Biggs. After having started the past two seasons, Biggs has had to adjust to playing both second and third base.

Biggs is not a total stranger to this position however, as he played third base while helping his high school team to the Missouri 4A State Championship. "I feel that I play better at second even though I have played both positions," Biggs said. "I feel that I could adjust to third and contribute to the team if I was given the time."

"I put him at third so he could be in our line-up," Coach Jim Johnson said. "He has an excellent glove and arm so we thought he would be good at third. Right now we have switched him back to second base and he is contending with Rob Robb. I think that the competition between these two should help both of them."

Biggs came to Northwest from Maple Woods Community College in Kansas City, MO after spending one year there. "I came to Northwest because they had a good baseball program," Biggs said. "I also wanted to go to a small four-year school that was close to home. Northwest just seemed like the best place for me."

"The program here has always been a well organized one. This school has always been noted as one of the top baseball schools for its size. We play a lot of tough competition and good quality baseball."

In his sophomore season, Biggs had an incredible year defensively as he committed only one error. This was around the top of the team and so was his fielding percentage of .996. He also had a good year at the plate as he ended up hitting .315. At the season's end, Biggs was honored with an honorable-mention All-MIAA selection.

Last season Biggs was again around the top in fielding as he had only two errors and a fielding percentage of .987. His hitting did improve as he ended the season with the third highest average on the team, .334. He again was honored on the all-conference team, but this time he stepped up to second team.

The coaching staff is hoping that Biggs will come through like he has in the past and contribute to the best of his ability. "Mike should help us out with his defensive ability and his nice swing," Johnson commented. "He makes contact well and we like to hit and run with him. We usually bat him in the sixth or seventh position. That way, he gets the opportunity to do his job."

Biggs' best asset is not only his good glove, but he can stay under control in tight situations. This is a hard thing to

do for some players. "He keeps his composure well," Johnson said. "His big asset is being able to separate stress when a game gets tight. He does this and turns the stress into positive things."

Biggs happens to disagree when it comes to his best ability. "Defense has always been my best asset," Biggs added. "I have always concentrated on doing well in the field and playing errorless ball. I then hope that my hitting will come through and most of the time it has."

So far this year, both Biggs and the Bearcats have gotten off to slow starts, but he feels that with time, both should come around. "I hope to do the best that I can for the rest of the season," Biggs said. "I hope that I can continue playing good defensive

baseball and contribute my knowledge to the younger players. I would also like to hit .300 again and maybe get in enough conference games so I can have a shot at all-conference."

"We started out slow, but right now, I think that we are starting to come around. I expect us to once again contend for the conference championship. I think that if everyone plays together, we can better our chances to go to the regional playoffs and maybe, if everything works out, we might get an outside chance to go to the world series."

This weekend the 'Cats try to better their conference record as they play Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville on Saturday. On Sunday the Bearcats come back home to face Creighton University at Bearcat Field.

Bearkittens still champs at water-drenched invite

BY COLLEEN KONZEN
Staff writer

Wet weather and poor field conditions led to a delay in the start of tournament play last weekend when the Bearkittens traveled to Pittsburg, KS for the Pittsburg State Invitational. The delay ultimately led to the cancellation of the single-elimination bracket play. Instead, all the teams played their pool games and then two extra games on Saturday. For the third consecutive season, no tournament champion was crowned, meaning Northwest is still the defending champion after winning the event in 1982.

Once tournament play did get under way, the 'Kittens took a 4-3, 11-inning defeat at the hands of Washburn University. The 'Kittens held leads of 1-0 and 2-1 in the contest, but couldn't hang on. After the game was tied at 1-1 after seven innings, the international tiebreaker was utilized with each team taking advantage to score a single run in the ninth.

Northwest then rebounded for a 3-2 win over Tarkio College. The 'Kittens broke a scoreless tie with a pair of runs in the fifth on a Tarkio error and scored again in the sixth on an RBI by Jennifer Mertz. Tarkio closed the Bearkitten advantage to one in the last of the sixth on a two-run triple by Julie Ray, but Shelley Lewis then came in on relief of Bearkitten starter Cathy Varnum to save the win.

The 'Kittens lost their final Friday contest, 2-1 to Kearney State College. KSC took a 1-0 lead in the sixth, but the Bearkittens tied the score at 1-1 in the seventh when Annie Melius doubled and was singled home by Janet Schieber. KSC scored what proved to be the game-winner on a Bearkitten error in the top of the eighth. The 'Kittens then loaded the bases in the bottom of the inning but failed to score.

Saturday was a new day for the Bearkittens and, as it turned out, a much better one. Bearkitten pitchers, backed by a strong defensive effort,

did not allow a single run in any of the three games played.

The 'Kittens began with a 2-0 shutout against Simpson College, getting both runs in the second on a RBI groundout by Sheila Becker and a RBI single by Jennifer Mertz. That was all Shelley Lewis needed to notch her fourth win of the season. She pitched seven innings, gave up three hits, two walks and totaled seven strikeouts.

The Bearkittens then defeated Nebraska-Omaha 2-0, getting both runs in the first inning on Karen Hopewell's two-run double. Freshman pitcher Cathy Varnum allowed only four hits, walked one and struck out one in taking her third win of the season.

Northwest finished the day with a 1-0 shutout against Wayne State, scoring that game's winning run on a fourth-inning steal of home by Hopewell.

The 'Kittens finished the tournament with five wins and two losses, making their overall record 8-7.

"I thought we played very well last weekend," said Head Coach Gayla Eckoff. "I think there's been a significant improvement in our performance both offensively and defensively."

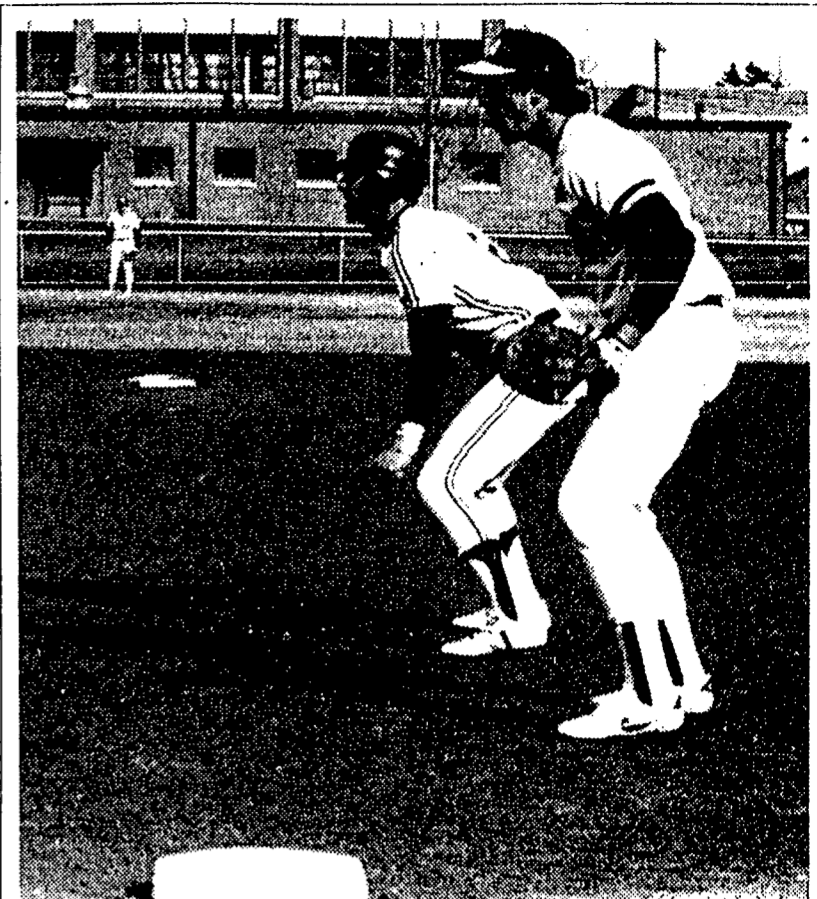
The 'Kittens will be on the road again this weekend when they travel to Evansville, IN for the Indiana State Invitational.

Kelsey injures left knee

It was a common accident in softball but one with dire consequences for sophomore Kathy Kelsey, starting catcher for the Bearkitten softball team.

Kelsey obtained the injury to her knee when a Kearney State player slid into Kelsey at home plate during the Pittsburg State Invitational last weekend.

Right now the extent of Kelsey's injury and how long she'll be out is not known. But while she is detained Head Coach Gayla Eckoff will be replacing her with freshman Sheila Becker.



INFILDER JEFF SYKES prepares to make a play in one of the games of a double header against Lincoln University played last Saturday at Bearcat field. The 'Cats swept both games by scores of 9-8 and 16-0 respectfully.

Photo by Kimbal Motherhead

Herauf makes return as Jamestown head coach

BY JIM BURROUGHS
Sports editor

For former graduate assistant baseball coach Kevin Herauf, being back in Maryville last weekend was a homecoming of sorts. Herauf was back in town as head coach of Jamestown College of North Dakota, the Bearcats' opponent in a double-header.

Herauf was a graduate assistant under Northwest coach Jim Johnson for the 1983 and 1984 seasons. Prior to that, Herauf had coached legion baseball in North Dakota.

Being in the coaching profession for seven years opened the door for Herauf at Jamestown College. "I was hired to coach a legion baseball team in Jamestown," Herauf said. "Over the course of the summer, a vacancy came open for a college baseball coach. I applied and they hired me. That's all there was to it."

According to Herauf, Johnson had taught him a great deal about the game of baseball. In his own coaching styles, Herauf tries to incorporate what he learned when he was a graduate assistant here. "I use a lot of different things," Herauf said. "I try to incorporate the best things that I have learned from all the coaches that I have been associated with. Every coach I meet and talk to, I try and see what they do and pick out the things I can use for my own program. It's like a conglomeration of a lot of different philosophies."

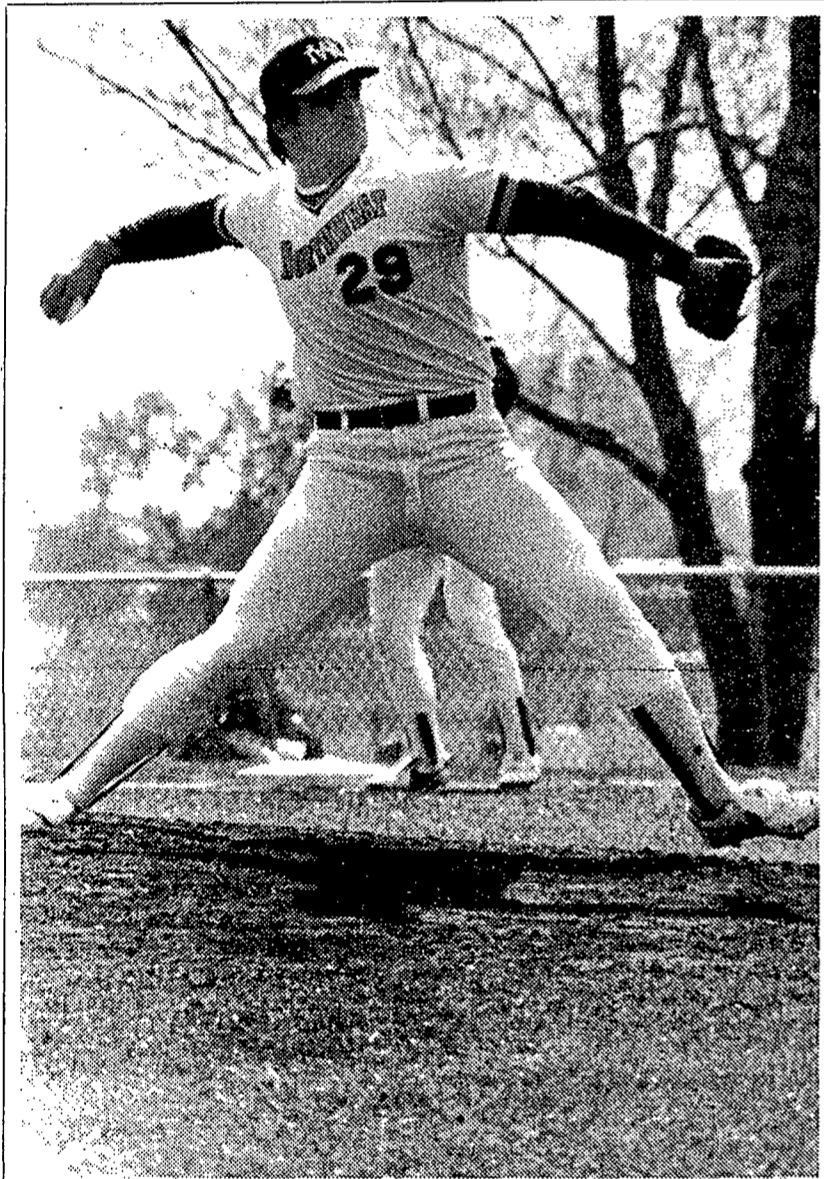
Even with all the philosophies he has learned and used, Herauf still has his own ideas in what he thinks are the ground rules in running a successful baseball program. "As far as the game of baseball is concerned, I just believe in being aggressive on offense, especially running the bases," Herauf said.

"We teach our pitchers to throw to spots. We've been very successful with that. They don't have to throw hard, they just have to throw to a certain location and then we can get their hitters out. We have to play solid defense. That's kind of the way we build our program: defense first and then go to offense."

The double-header scheduled against Jamestown was not on the Bearcats' schedule, but Coach Johnson agreed to play them after Herauf had phoned and arranged the games the night before. Herauf and his team were playing at the Show-Me Baseball Camp in Branson, MO, but it had started raining at midweek. Since the rain looked like it wasn't letting up, Herauf's team started back home. Since Northwest is not too far out of the way, Herauf arranged for the two teams to meet and get playing time in.

"I was really happy we could play today (Friday)," Herauf said. "If we would have stayed down there (Branson), I don't think we would have been able to play. We were happy to get the games in and I am pleased in winning one. I really didn't think that we would have much of a chance, but our kids played well."

As far as his future as a baseball coach, Herauf would like to move up in the ranks to a Division II school like Northwest. He feels that would be the best place to suit his coaching methods. "I would kind of like to get into a Division II school similar to Northwest," Herauf said. "I'm not so sure that I would ever want to go to a Division I school where it is really competitive, but I would like to move up. I like it at Jamestown now, but it depends. If I have a little bit of success, you never know. Maybe I'll be able to move up in the ranks sometime."



BEARCAT PITCHER STEVE Messina gets ready to deliver a pitch in a game against Grand View College. Messina was the starting pitcher in a 10-8 victory on Sunday. However, it was David Barger who got the win in relief, increasing his record to 2-0.

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SPORTS

SPORTS WRAP UP

Schedule

MARCH 29--Softball at Indiana State U. Invitational, Evansville IN
Men's and women's tennis at Graceland College
30--Men's track at Kansas State Invitational, Manhattan, KS
Women's track at Park College Open, Parkville, MO
Men's track (selected competitors) at Park College Decathlon
Baseball at Northeast Missouri State (DH, 1:00)
Softball at Indiana State U. Invitational
Men's tennis vs. Missouri Rolla at Warrensburg
WOMEN'S TENNIS HOME VS. STEPHENS COLLEGE
(9:00), PARK COLLEGE (3:00)
31--Men's track at Park College Decathlon
Women's track at Park College Open
BASEBALL HOME VS. CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY
(DH, 1:30, BEARCAT FIELD)
APRIL 2--Men's and women's tennis at Kearney State College
SOFTBALL HOME VS. AUGUSTANA SD (DH, 3:00,
BEAL PARK)
3--MEN'S TENNIS HOME VS. WILLIAM JEWELL (2:00,
GRUBE COURTS)
4--Baseball at Missouri Western (DH, noon)
SOFTBALL HOME VS. NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE
(4:30, BEAL PARK) VS. SIMPSON COLLEGE (7:30,
BEAL PARK)

Track

Competing for the first time outdoors, the women's track team was very successful at they took five first at the non-scoring Emporia State Developmental Meet in Manhattan, KS.

Clairessa Washington took two of those firsts for the 'Kittens, winning the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 16.24 and the 400-meter hurdles in 1:10.6. She also anchored the 440-yard relay team which also consisted of Karla Mucke, Cindy Margis, Catherine VanSickle in a time of 51:49.

Lisa Farris was the best in her event, the shot put, throwing it 39' 4" and Myrna Asberry continued her dominance in the high jump, winning with a leap of 5-2.

Softball

The Bearkitten softball team raised its record to 9-8 for the season after Tuesday's night double header against Missouri Western State College. The 'Kittens won the second game of the contest 5-4 after dropping a 2-1 decision in the opener.

Senior pitcher Shelley Lewis took the loss in the first game, completing six innings, allowing four hits, no earned runs, no walks and no strikeouts. Lewis came back in the second game to seal the victory for the 'Kittens after relieving starter Cathy Varnum.

Tennis

Men's singles		Women's singles	
1S--George Adeyemi	(3-6)	1S--Cathi Jones	(0-1)
2S--Steve McGinnis	(0-1)	2S--Julie Carlson	(0-1)
3S--Jim Eaton	(6-3)	3S--Paula Magana	(1-0)
4S--Godwin Johnson	(6-2)	4S--Amy Anderson	(1-0)
5S--Mike Birchmier	(5-4)	5S--Patty Dingfield	(1-0)
6S--Rob Veasey	(6-3)	6S--Karen Lyman	(1-0)
Kevin Parisi (0-7)			
Men's doubles		Women's doubles	
1D--Adeyemi & Eaton	(4-2)	1D--Jones & Magana	(1-0)
2D--Johnson & Veasey	(0-0)	2D--Carlson & Anderson	(1-0)
3D--Birchmier & McGinnis	(1-0)	3D--Dingfield & Lyman	(1-0)
Parisi & Veasey	(3-2)		
Johnson & Birchmier	(2-3)		

Women play, win first match

'Cat tennis team wins two more

BY JEFF McMILLEN
Staff writer

Two more opponents have fallen under the serve of the Bearcat tennis team to run the men's record to 6-3 in dual contests, while the women have finely managed to get off their first serve this season.

The men recently downed West Virginia State College and Emporia State University at Emporia during a double-header on March 21. The 'Cats returned to Emporia the next day to take part in an eight-team tournament that was cut short by rain.

The women had problems of their own in getting a match played as they patiently waited for their first outing against the University of Missouri-Kansas City, only to have it cancelled due to some internal problems at UMKC.

When the women finally did hit the courts against Central Methodist College on Tuesday, they were ready to play. The Bearkittens downed their opponent by a 7-2 outcome. Perhaps it was a surprising victory for the young 'Kittens who do not have a senior on the team. The women were at a slight disadvantage due to their late start, which certainly had to try a young team's patience.

The 'Kittens won the third through

sixth singles and all three doubles matches. Paula Magana, Amy Anderson, Patty Dingfield, and Karen Lyman were the singles winners. Cathi Jones was a member of the number one singles team with Magana that scrambled for a narrow 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 victory. Julie Carlson teamed with Anderson for the second doubles win and Dingfield and Lyman provided the third.

The men had similar success against West Virginia State, who fell victims by a 7-2 score. The Bearcats then went on to mow down the host school by a quick 5-1 margin.

West Virginia took the first two singles matches for all of their points before Northwest stormed back to win the next four singles matches and all three doubles matches for seven straight points and a match win.

Against Emporia State, Northwest played only the singles matches. "After the singles matches were over, we didn't even play doubles," assistant coach Aaron Anderson said. "The score was 5-1 and the match is over because even if the other team would have won all the doubles, the score would have been 5-4."

Anderson is a first year graduate assistant coach under Mark Rosewell for the men's team. Rosewell, also in his first year at Northwest, coached

Anderson as a player at Central Missouri. Anderson held down the fort for Rosewell as the head mentor was on the road Tuesday afternoon looking after his duties as women's head coach, first to squeeze in the 'Kittens' first match of the year at Central Methodist College in Fayette, MO.

Both teams were scheduled to play UMKC. The opener for the women had to be put off though. "They called up and had to cancel it. They had strange things happen with their coach. She was about to get fired so their athletic director called up and canceled it, but we'll play them later," Anderson said.

The men did get to play in the Emporia State Invitational, but playing was not much more successful as they finished fifth in the eight-team field. The 'Cats only got in the first round games before rain forced a shorter tournament. According to Anderson, the men were just about ready to make their break.

"We had Jim Eaton at number three singles and he finished second there. Rob Veasey at number six won his first round match, but everybody else lost in the first round. We played some big teams (Baker and Kansas State). We would have looked real good going into the consolation

because Baker and K-State were not there," Anderson said. Those two schools finished first and second, respectively on the basis of their first round performances.

"We would have probably taken the consolation, but the rains came and they scratched us," Anderson said. "Every win in the winner's bracket during the opening round was worth one point. Then you get half a point in a consolation victory, and since there was none of that, we didn't score many points."

A new player was in action during the week as senior Kevin Parisi had to leave the team and Steve McGinnis, a senior, has taken his place. "This is his (Kevin's) last term here...and he had to make a choice" between getting through difficult upper level courses to graduate, or to play tennis. "He wasn't too pleased with it, but there was nothing else he could do. "Steve played number seven...the alternate...but he moved up to number two so everybody else remained in their own places."

Both McGinnis and the women will see several opponents shortly, as both teams swing into high gear this week. The men played Wednesday. Then they do battle on Friday and Saturday as do the women, who host matches today and Saturday.

'Cats open season

The Bearcats opened their outdoor season Saturday as they competed in the Emporia State Developmental Meet in Emporia, KS.

No team scores were kept as the meet was designed as a warm-up for the outdoor season.

Brad Ortmeier and Robert Lawrence recorded the only first-place finishes for the 'Cats. Ortmeier captured the 5,000 meters with a time of 14:50.7. Lawrence nabbed first place in the 400 meter hurdles, crossing the tape in :55.7.

David Watkins dashed to a second place finish in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:56.9. Tom Lester took third place in the 800, running 1:57.0.

In the 1500 meter run, the 'Cats made a sweep of second through fourth places. Ortmeier edged teammate Brian Grier for second place with a time of 4:00.5. Grier crossed the line in 4:00.6. Mark Van Sickle's time of 4:07.2 was good enough for fourth place.

Tom Hooker captured third place in the pole vault as he cleared 12' 6".



STRETCHING OVER THE hurdle, Bearcat Brad Ortmeier tries to edge ahead of a teammate in a recent practice at the Herschel Neil Track in Rickenbacker Stadium.

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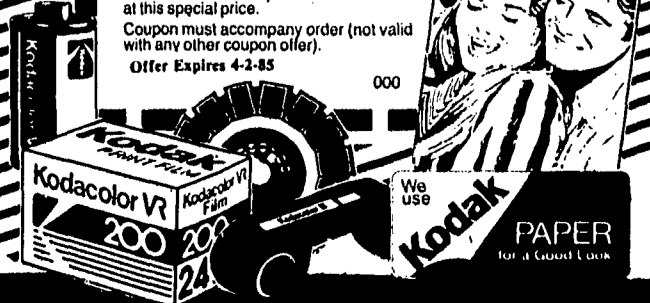
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